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Bus users' fury as service axed

BY JACK GROVE

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FURIOUS bus users claim cuts to services will "imprison" thousands of pensioners in their communities.

As part of major cost-cutting measures, Stagecoach is planning to reduce services across Cambridgeshire from April 17.

It will scrap the separate route 9 and X9 services and combine them with a new route 9 timetable.

That will see buses travel from March to Cambridge, via Ely, and Ely to March, via the villages, every hour at peak times, but only every two hours between 9am and 4pm.

Witchford pensioner Sheila Challoner said the cuts would hit the over-60s whose bus passes are only valid for services after 9.30am.

She said: "Many pensioners have a very fixed low income. Without public transport, we are virtually imprisoned in Witchford.

"What do you want to do? Bury us? God help the people that made these decisions and hope they never live to become part of the huge 'grey brigade' of pensioners."

She urged pensioners to begin a letter-writing campaign against the cuts.

Her call was backed by Ely resident Heather Smith, who said: "Many of the pensioners in the villages rely on this bus service to come into Ely to shop and socialise.

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On show: artist Svetlana Baibekova with her work in Anglia Wine Merchants on Ely's High Street.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 717871

Perfect with the red . . .

A WINE shop may not be the obvious place to hold an art exhibition – but in Ely it's proving to be a huge hit.

Russian artist Svetlana Baibekova is showcasing her work inside the Anglia Wine Merchants shop in Ely's High Street.

Miss Baibekova, from Cambridge, is renowned for her unusual and colourful paintings and her latest exhibition includes a new art form for her – painting onto slate.

Miss Baibekova, who is friends with the wine shop's owner, Sanket Patel, said: "The exhibition's proving to be really popular.

"It features a colourful variety of my work of all different sizes, including some paintings on slate, which I haven't been doing for long.

"All the paintings are for sale and they're really eye-catching."

The exhibition runs until Sunday, April 3.

To see more of Miss Baibekova's work, visit *www.artimot.com*

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Students play games with new console

SCHOOLCHILDREN have been given a sneak preview of Nintendo's latest computer console.

Pupils at Soham Village College were invited to test drive the new Nintendo 3DS ahead of its March 25 release when the firm's UK communications chief, Rob Saunders, visited the school.

He was interviewed by Year 9 pupils about the eagerly-awaited hand-held console, which is set to sell a record 100,000 consoles in pre-orders.

And students were very impressed by the product, which is likely to sell out its 200,000 UK stock within a few weeks.

The media day last Thursday was part of the BBC School News Report project and the interview will be available from the school's website.

Teacher Cecila DeBoer said: "Rob was very impressed with their interviewing skills, and commented that they were just as professional as some of the journalists he has worked with."

Hotel renovation work on the cards

A HOTEL in Ely looks set for a major revamp.

Greene King wants to refurbish the Lamb Hotel on Lynn Road.

The company has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to carry out the work.

The proposals include completely refurbishing the hotel's ground floor and restaurant and redecorating the first and second floor bedrooms and corridors.

The district council is set to make a decision on the plans within the next eight weeks.

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Meow: right, Kiera Murdoch, 8, from Littleport with her one-eyed cat Cyclops. Above, Lucy was one of the cats in need of re-homing. Pictures: Richard Patterson 719514 / 719523

Friendly felines strut their stuff

FELINE lovers from across the region – and beyond – came together to show off their furry friends in Little Downham.

The Ely and district branch of Cats Protection held its annual cat show in the village hall on Saturday.

It saw moggies and pure breeds of all shapes and sizes strutting their stuff in a bid to wow the judges.

As well as the show, there were also cats in need of a new home on display.

The day was held to raise money for the branch and included face painting, raffles, stalls and refreshments.

Bottoms up as researchers study swans

THE words 'big bum' may be viewed as negative by humans – but they are entirely positive if you are a swan.

Researchers at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) in Welney have been observing the size of Bewick's swans' behinds as they depart the UK for their annual migration to Arctic Russia.

Called 'abdominal profiling', experts have been recording the size of the area between birds' legs and tail which is used to store fat they have built up over the winter months.

And experts say the bigger their bum, the more likely the swans are to survive the 2,500-mile journey back their breed grounds.

Julia Newth, a WWT researcher, said: "We need to eliminate the possibility that the swans are suffering while they winter in the UK.

"In a slim bird the bum will look slightly concave, whereas a well-fed bird will have a double bulge.

"The analysis has yet to be bottomed out but our observations in the field certainly suggest they are leaving for the journey with big healthy behinds."

It comes just a week after the *Weekly News* reported how research shows the number of Bewick swans is decreasing.

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Two brothers died in crash with lorry

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TWO brothers died when their car collided with a cement mixer lorry which had been put into a weight limit zone by a satellite navigation system.

Lorry driver Wilfred Watts was using a sat-nav to find his destination when he drove into the 7.5 tonne limit area in at Elsworth, an inquest heard.

Brothers Mitchell and Matthew Jacobs, aged 18 and 19, of Sadlers Way, Chatteris, died from multiple injuries in the collision on Brockley Road last August.

The inquest in Huntingdon heard that Mitchell, who was driving a Ford Fiesta, may have been surprised to have seen the first of two large cement mixers on a bend in the road, causing him to go on to the verge and to swerve into the path of the second lorry.

Coroner Dr Sam Bass recorded verdicts of accidental death on the brothers.

Dr Bass said: "My feeling would be that on seeing a large lorry coming towards you a driver would have taken some sort of action."

Tragic loss: brothers Matthew and Mitchell Jacobs.

The inquest heard that Mr Watts, who was making delivery in the Elsworth area, had stopped in the village to get directions and had linked up with another driver who knew the way.

Accident investigator Pc Peter Bimson said Mr Watts' sat nav had taken his lorry, weighing at least 26 tonnes, into the 7.5 tonne zone.

He said: "It is true to say that the location he wanted to get to was not inside the zone and there was an alternative route he could have taken."

But Pc Bimson said the restricted zone was open to use for access, part of the route had been exempt and that Mr Watts had been acting in good faith by following the sat nav which did not differentiate between vehicles of different size.

He said: "The cause of this collision was Mitchell Jacobs losing control of his vehicle while negotiating a right hand bend."

Pc Bimson said it would be speculation to say that Mr Jacobs had reacted to the presence of the lorry.

Toby Austin, who was driving the first of the two cement mixers, said the driver of the Fiesta had seemed "surprised" to see him and had swerved to the left on to the verge.

Mr Watts told the inquest he was crawling up the hill when the car came off the verge in front of him.

He said: "I couldn't stop. I tried. I just hit everything and stood on the brakes. I tried to turn away from him, but it didn't make much difference."

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‘OAPs will be imprisoned’

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“It’s going to discourage people from coming to Ely on the bus if they think they may have problems getting home.

“The bus service provides our pensioners with freedom and independence. It is vital for their mental health that people do not feel cut off and isolated.”

Last month East Cambridgeshire District Council axed a £25,000 grant to Ely Dial-a-Ride.

Cllr Ian Allen, leader of the council’s Liberal Democrat group, said: “It is vulnerable people who are having their services stripped away while wealthy individuals, such as bank executives, are not affected.

“It appears the decision to remove Stagecoach’s subsidy is a catalyst for it axing not loss-making services, but those not seen as very profitable.

“It’s going to have a massive impact on so many people. Some people in Haddenham rely on buses to Ely to get to work and will struggle to get in when services are lost.”

Stagecoach’s managing director Andy Campbell has said the withdrawal of public subsidies for some routes had prompted the cuts.

He said the cut in the amount of cash it would receive for concessionary passes made other services “less commercially viable”.

■ **What do you think? Will you be affected by the cuts? Write to *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk***

Team effort: Stephen Jordan gives the youngsters some tips during the training sessions.

Pictures: Keith Heppell (clockwise from below) 718893 / 718890 / 718894.

Young stars pitch perfect

BUDDING football stars have been perfecting their skills thanks to an initiative set up by the Football Association.

Youngsters aged 5-11 have also been learning more about leading a healthy lifestyle through the FA Tesco Skills Programme, which has been running at Witchford Village College since January. Under the scheme, set up by Sir Trevor Brooking from the FA, the children are coached by professionals.

Stephen Jordan, who has been coaching at Witchford, said: “The sessions are for young players with a combination of good technical football ability and excellent attitude towards learning.

“We will provide a positive learning environment where your child will develop their technical, physical, psychological and social skills which will in turn provide them with the opportunity to fulfil their potential and become the best player they can be.”

The sessions run until April 7. Call Mr Jordan on 07943 842505.

Arrest made after attack

A LITHUANIAN man has been charged with a vicious attack in a Littleport convenience store.

Midaugas Buzius, 23, of Station Road, Littleport, appeared at Cambridge Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

It follows an attack on a 31-year-old man at the One Stop shop, in Wisbech Road, on Sunday at 12.30pm. The incident left the victim with serious head injuries.

The man was rushed to Addenbrooke’s Hospital, in Cambridge, where he was said to be in a stable condition.

Buzius was initially arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and later charged with grievous bodily harm.

City honour for Royal Anglians

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HEROES of the Royal Anglian Regiment will be awarded the Freedom of the City during a visit to Ely in June.

Several hundred members of the regiment will parade through the streets on June 12 ahead of the official presentation of the city’s highest civic honour.

Mayor Brian Ashton said he was delighted to announce the honour for the regiment, which draws many of its recruits from the cities, towns and villages of Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Ashton said: “The Cambridgeshire Regiment had the freedom of the city and it was assumed it passed straight to the Royal Anglian when the Cambridgeshire unit became part of it.

“Everyone worked under that assumption, but we feel it is right to acknowledge the Royal Anglian Regiment in its own right.

“There is a service every year in the cathedral with the regiment and they have been very active in Ely.

“The reception will be hosted by the city’s new mayor and it will be an honour to welcome them for an evening of tea and buns.”

The Cambrigeshire Regiment, established in 1880, was merged with a Suffolk unit in 1961 before amalgamating with the Royal Anglian Regiment six years later.

On a 12-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, which ended in June last year, the regiment lost five young soldiers, with many more returning home injured.

Thousands turned out across the county in June to witness parades by the regiment’s 1st Battalion, The Vikings, in Cambridge, Ely and Huntingdon.

Cllr Ashton also urged families to line the streets during the regiment’s parade.

He said: “We had a tremendous homecoming parade last June and hundreds of people turned out to support the regiment.

“We retain that close contact with these soldiers and I’m sure the people of Ely will again turn out to support these soldiers.”

Welcome home: The Vikings during their parade through the city last year.

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>
> **– Mayor Brian Ashton**

Driver in court after fatal crash

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has appeared in court charged with two counts of causing death by dangerous driving.

Ben Edwards, of Northfield Road, Soham, is accused of causing the deaths of Paul Adams, 40, and his partner, Kathryn Dunn, 26.

The charges relate to a collision which happened on the A142 Fordham bypass in 2007.

Edwards is alleged to have been driving a Mercedes SLK dangerously when it was in collision with the couple's Mercedes.

Mr Adams and Miss Dunn were on their way to Gatwick Airport for a holiday in the Caribbean when the collision occurred.

Edwards, who was seriously injured in the collision, appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday but no pleas were entered.

The case was committed to Cambridge Crown Court, where Edwards is due to appear tomorrow.

He was released on unconditional bail.

Fringe and all: the young cast of Oklahoma, which hit the stage in Soham last week. CP

Timeless romance from the wind-swept plains . . .

THESPIANS brought the tale of an unlikely American romance to life in Soham.

Hundreds of people flocked to Soham Village College last week to see students perform *Oklahoma!*

The musical was written by Rodgers and Hammerstein and set in Claremore, Oklahoma in 1906, and tells the unlikely romance between farm girl Laurey Williams and cowboy Curly McLain.

After months of rehearsals, students staged four performances last week, belting out the musical's popular hits *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'* and *The Surrey with the Fringe on Top* and *People Will Say We're in Love* along the way.

Wendy Bucktrout, a spokeswoman for the school, said the performances were a "knockout".

Fighting fit for Comic Relief

A PERSONAL trainer will be helping people get fit while raising money for Comic Relief.

To celebrate Red Nose Day, fitness expert Tim Megginson, from Ely, will hold a fitness camp to raise money for the charity.

People are invited to take part for free but give a small donation to Comic Relief – and for every person who attends, Mr Megginson will donate £1.

The fitness camp will be held in Ely on Saturday from 11.30am.

Mr Megginson said: "I cannot wait to get this under way, it's going to be great fun and I hope to raise as much as possible for Comic Relief.

"This will be a fantastic opportunity for anybody that wants to learn more about the experience of an outdoor fitness camp and come and give it a try."

For more information, call Mr Megginson on 07914 590894 or visit *www.bodyshapefitnesscamp.co.uk*

Traffic lights power theft

BATTERIES used to power a set of temporary traffic lights have been stolen.

The batteries, worth hundreds of pounds, were set up next to the signals in Stretham, on the A1123 heading to Wicken.

They were taken between 6.30pm on Thursday, March 3, and 6.30am on Friday, March 4.

Pc Gerry Cronin, investigating, said: "We would like to hear from anyone who saw people tampering with the lights between these hours."

Anyone with information should contact Pc Cronin at Ely police station on 0345 4564564.

Justified nib box

RUGBY legend John Bentley will be guest speaker at a champagne reception in aid of Sri Lankan tsunami orphans.

The former British Lion rugby player will speak at the reception and four-course charity dinner in the Monastic Barn of The King's School Ely on Friday, April 1.

The event will follow a coaching session by Bentley at the school.

Tickets cost £50 and can be booked by contacting Kevin Shaw at *kevinshaw@kings-ely.cambs.sch.uk* or call (01353) 662132.

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Keep an eye on cameras

More helpers wanted to watch out for crime

BY JORDAN DAY

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VOLUNTEERS are needed to monitor CCTV footage in Ely and Soham.

Councillors are urging people to come forward and join the team of a dozen volunteers who have already been trained to monitor East Cambridgeshire's new CCTV system.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the cameras are now connected to a main system at Ely police station instead of in Cambridge and are now being monitored more often by police officers and trained volunteers.

The new scheme was launched a few months ago. Ely mayor Cllr Brian Ashton said: "The new system is bedding in well and everything is going according to plan.

"So far, we have trained around a dozen volunteers and they are now monitoring the cameras in Ely and Soham and helping the police.

"But in order to make our system first class, we do need more volunteers.

"It's an ideal way for people to make a difference in their community by monitoring the 36 cameras and helping the police with evidence when crimes occur.

"Obviously we need a level of commitment from people but this is something all sorts of people can do with some of their spare time."

Shopkeepers and business owners were relieved after discovering the CCTV system was going to be moved to Ely, making it more localised.

The changes were brought about by East Cambridgeshire District Council, the City of Ely Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Soham Town Council.

Soham town councillor Tony Hinsley said: "People really should join in – it's actually quite fun.

"It's a great way for them to play a part in helping their local community."

For more information about becoming a volunteer, call the City of Ely Council on (01353) 661 016.

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Boy had gun at school to 'show off to mates'

BY JORDAN DAY

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A TEENAGER who went to school with an imitation shotgun in his rucksack has appeared before magistrates.

The 14-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, took the pellet gun into his East Cambridgeshire village school after finding it in a kitchen drawer at home.

Police swooped on the school on February 8 following reports that a pupil had brought a gun in.

At Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday, the boy pleaded guilty to possessing an imitation firearm in a public place, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

Sally Hickling, prosecuting, told magistrates how the boy had been "showing the gun to other pupils".

She said: "Police attended after a call was made by the school's student support manager, saying a pupil had a brought a gun into school with him.

"She said he'd been showing the gun to other pupils and that students said they had been shown it inside his rucksack.

"She explained how she confronted the student about the gun and that he ran off past the English block and dumped the gun in a hedge near some skips.

"The gun was then retrieved by another teacher.

"She asked the pupil where the gun came from, to which he replied it was his mum's and that he'd got it from the kitchen drawer at home."

The teenager fled the school and was arrested at his home, where he told police he had taken the gun into school to "show off to his mates".

Mrs Hickling said: "A friend of the student told police that they had been talking about guns and that he said he had one. He was dared to bring it in and he did."

The teenager, who has since been excluded from the school, also pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing £400 in cash from his mother on February 10, which he admitted was to fund cigarettes and cannabis.

The court heard how both crimes were committed while he was subject to a six-month conditional discharge, imposed following three public order offences.

The case was adjourned for pre-sentence reports to be prepared.He was released on conditional bail and will be sentenced at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on April 6.

Counting the cost: Vicar Fiona Brampton is devastated after lead thieves struck at the Haddenham Holy Trinity Church.
Picture: Keith Heppell 719919.

'Heartless' thieves rip lead from church roof

A VILLAGE church is the latest building to be targeted by "heartless" lead thieves.

Leaders of the Holy Trinity Church in Haddenham have been left hundreds of pounds out of pocket after thieves clambered onto its roof and ripped off sheets of lead.

Canon Fiona Brampton, the church's vicar, said: "It's so frustrating and sad that these people can target a building that means so much to people.

"We all spend so much time making our church the beautiful place it is and then they come along and try and ruin that.

"They just don't realise the extent of the damage they are doing."

The theft happened overnight last Wednesday.

Mrs Brampton said: "We're still waiting for a quote to find out how much damage has been caused but it's definitely going to be hundreds of pounds.

"The thieves clearly used a ladder to get onto the church's lower roof as there are marks to prove it.

"They must have used a truck to get inside the church grounds, and the double gates were wide open.

"We never lock the gates because villagers need to access the church grounds and at the end of the day, we don't expect this sort of thing to happen."

Cllr Bill Hunt, who represents Haddenham on Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "This really does appal me.

"To target a village church or someone's home is just heartless.

"I hope these people are caught and punished appropriately."

Police are appealing for anyone with any information to call them on 0345 4564564.

Careers day for future childcarers

AN information day about careers in childcare will take place next week.

The Gateway to a Career in Childcare is an introductory course of eight sessions over eight weeks for those looking to pursue a career in childcare.

Fully funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, it will explore the different types of childcare, explain the role of a childcare practitioner and help people make an informed decision about pursuing a career working with children.

The first introductory session will be held at High Barns Community Centre, in High Barns Road, Ely, next Wednesday from 10am to 2pm.

Further taster sessions will be on March 30 and April 6.

For more information, call (01223) 706395 or email *childcarecareers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk*

Swimmers dive in to fundraiser

RED Nose Day fever started early when swimmers took to the water at the weekend.

The Paradise Pool in Ely held a bumper open swimming weekend to raise money for Comic Relief.

The two-day fundraiser saw swimmers of all ages making a splash, as well as the pool's staff, who took part in games and races.

The money will be split between Comic Relief and WheelPower, the charity for wheelchair sports.

Share views on new housing

PLANS to build 3,000 new homes on the north edge of Ely will go on display tomorrow.

The proposals to build the new homes to the north of the Princess of Wales Hospital will be exhibited at The Lamb Hotel, in Ely, on Friday from 10.30am to 7pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm.

The exhibition will also present ideas and alternative options for job opportunities as well as locations of schools, shops, public open space and all necessary community facilities to create sustainable development.

The information will also be available to view on East Cambridgeshire District Council's website, *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Cllr Peter Moakes, chairman of strategic development committee at the council, said: "When the Ely Masterplan was developed, we were very careful to listen to the thoughts and opinions of the people who live and work in the city.

"They know better than most the issues which the city faces as it grows over the next 20 years.

"It is important to make sure that as we move forward with proposals, we continue to talk and involve the people whose lives would be affected. This is true localism."

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TV is taken in daylight raid

THIEVES stole a 32-inch television from a house in broad daylight.

The Panasonic TV was taken during a burglary at a property in Nene Road, Ely.

Nothing else was stolen during the break-in, which happened between 1pm and 5 pm on Tuesday, March 8.

House-to-house enquiries are being carried out in the area and police are appealing for witnesses.

Anyone with information is urged to call police on 0345 456 4564.

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Muddy paths were awful

Sir, Congratulations to East Cambridgeshire District Council for providing a lovely, safe pathway for the residents of Ely and visitors to enjoy the more rural aspects of our city.
Contrary to the comments made in your lead article ('Park highways ruin beauty spot' – *Weekly News*, March 3), the upgraded pathway enhances the area and invites visitors from a far greater population than was previously possible. I used to regularly enjoy walking the loop from Fisherman's car park, along Springhead Lane path and back along the river path but recently, for most of the year, this has become nothing short of hazardous. In the spring and summer months the nettles and brambles were very overgrown and encroached right across the footpath. During the winter you had to contend with slippery mud and boggy ground. Overhanging trees/bushes meant that the footpath never had the opportunity to dry out. For a walker it was a problem; for a mother with toddlers or pushchairs it was very difficult and for the infirm or those with physical disabilities it had become impossible.
The commencement of work was obviously delayed by the severe weather last year but the majority of work was done in January and February.
So what is the environmental impact? I accept that, at the moment, the appearance is not particularly attractive but with spring around the corner and the opening up of the overhang to permit sunlight through to ground level we can expect new growth of natural hedgerow all along the path. It's width will prevent nettles and brambles encroaching too much, at least for a couple of years. There is plenty of cover for birds and other wildlife in the vicinity while nature takes its course along the hedgerow. In this instance the authorities sought conservation advice and the result is a great improvement, allowing many more local people and visitors to enjoy what is a common amenity and without lasting damage to the environment. I'd like to say well done and thank you to those responsible.

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Witcham

Countryside is for everyone

Sir, With reference to your front page article on the new paths, I would like to say what a load off rubbish. As a father of two children, one aged 6 and the other 21 months, it was nice to actually be able to walk somewhere where I was able to let the dog off the lead and still push the push chair without getting everyone caked in mud and struggle for the entire walk. Yes, it's lovely to think of miles and miles of winding walks making its way though the countryside but with a buggy and children this isn't easy, and with a wheelchair is a damn site harder.
Please remember, nature has been here a long time and gets on quite well next to a lot worse things than a few diggers. It will get over it. The countryside isn't just for people in walking boots, it's for everybody.

A Boughen
Allen Road
Ely

Are councillors trying to dodge tough questions?

Sir, I feel democracy is slowing ebbing away in Ely.
First we heard that all Neighbourhood Panel meetings had been cancelled until after the election, presumably so that councillors don't have to answer any awkward questions.
Then last week we were told that East Cambridgeshire District Council is trying to stop all evening council meetings so as to make savings (Meetings to move from night to day – *Weekly News*, March 3).
As this is the only time working people can have their say, this feels like a real erosion of our public rights. It certainly wasn't perfect before, as one was only allowed to ask one question, which councillors often refused to answer, or a letter was promised, often evading the point and usually full of spin.
However, by stopping evening meetings, some councillors may be trying to avoid the occasions when the public overwhelmed the chamber and the Tory group had back down on their carefully laid plans.

No more nights: the district council has announced plans to hold meetings during the day to save £20,000 a year.

Decisions which could have totally spoilt Ely Cinema, Babylon Gallery and Ely Markets, spring to mind.
Cllr Fred Brown says the move will save £20,000 a year, which seems a bit rich from a council that has just spent £900,000 on getting plans for its leisure centre pushed through before the election!
Other than extra money spent on electricity, why should keeping the council chambers open, cost anything? Surely, no staff need be paid extra as they can have time off in lieu and attending occasional evening meetings can be written into their contract (just as they are when teachers attend parents evenings, for example).
However, there is one ray of hope in all this. In May we get to vote for a new council and it will be up to the people of Ely and district to decide if they can stand this sort of high-handed behaviour any longer.

Ted Coney
Waterside
Ely

Walks a treat for wheelchair users

Sir, Although I applaud the conservationists and ramblers who want to keep their walks as natural as possible, aren't they forgetting one thing – they are able to walk on rough uneven ground and wander at will; they do not have to worry about manoeuvring a wheelchair or pram to have access to these green spaces.
Many of my friends have disabilities which have excluded them from having access to the fields of Pocket Park and without exception all say they rarely find suitable access to any green spaces.
These friends now tell me how much they enjoy being able to walk comfortably on the new paths or how pleased they are to be able to push partners in wheelchairs around the areas, in fact they hope they will be extended further. One friend can now wheel her grandchild around the park and says what a real treat that is.
So ramblers, please rejoice in the fact that you can ramble but please don't deny the pleasure of being in the open to others who cannot.

Avril Hayter-Smith
Little Downham

Council officers, please take note

Sir, I am writing to make clear that, contrary to the views stated in your *Letters* page last week, Local Campaigners for the Protection of Rural Ely did not condone the path widening that the county council has been carrying out along Lovers Lane. Instead, we repeatedly expressed serious concerns about it to the relevant officer, to no avail.
The level of public unhappiness with the finished product underscores the importance of council officials being more sensitive to their constituents' wishes next time around.

Liz Hunter
Chair
Local Campaigners for the Protection of Rural Ely

Paradise should stay green field

Sir, I respect that the Muslim community wish to have a place of worship of their own, but why the Paradise sports field when councillors have already stated that the swimming pool and sports hall are up to its boundaries, with no capacity to enlarge with a new build. This means to me that buildings cannot be built beyond the existing boundaries of the pool and sports centre, which means the sports field cannot be built on.
Even the Ely Masterplan states that the sports field at the Paradise will stay a green field. This was approved by the district council at its full meeting in February last year.
As Ely Muslims meet and observe Friday prayer at the sports centre and are part of Ely's community where they live, I would have thought that common sense and consideration would have told them that you cannot build a mosque, or anything, on a 'no-build' area that is to be kept as a green space. But, of course, they are only exercising their rights, it does not amount to a bigoted attitude, does it? My answer would be the same whoever wanted to build on the Paradise sports field and whatever the religious group was.

Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

Have the Tories lost their way?

Sir, The Conservative East Cambridgeshire District Council tells us there is no money to pay for basic services for vulnerable people, such as dial-a-ride buses and the Citizens Advice Bureau, yet now tell us they want a costly southern bypass and our leisure centre rebuilt outside the city.
For a party which prides itself on good financial management, these figures simply don't add up – if there is money for the expensive, unwanted leisure centre project, why isn't there any money to help vulnerable people?
We need a council which can get its priorities right for the people of Ely. By speaking out against the leisure centre move and for the retention of vital services, the Liberal Democrats seem more in touch with Ely people than the Conservatives, who appear to have simply lost their way.

Michael David Shaw
Saint Martin's Walk
Ely

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Call for the Fens to take housing strain

BY CHRIS HAVERGAL and JACK GROVE

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

THOUSANDS of homes destined for Cambridge should be built in the Fens, according to a councillor who says more housing in the historic city will destroy its "intimate scale".

Former mayor Cllr John Hipkin is calling for a referendum to be held on the growth of Cambridge.

He argues extra homes will have a terrible effect on Cambridge congestion and crime levels – as well as destroying its "historic compactness and intimate scale".

Major development sites alone account for around 11,000 homes due to be built in coming years, mainly on the city's fringes, including more than 4,000 near Trumpington and at least 6,000 to the north-west.

Longer term projections indicate rapid population growth will continue.

Cllr Hipkin, an independent member for Castle, would prefer to see more development in Fenland and is starting a petition which calls for a city-wide referendum on the issue.

He said: "Major housing projects should be located in the market towns of Fenland, which are in desperate need of regeneration, and served by improved rail and road systems into Cambridge."

Ready for growth: Cambridge councillor John Hipkin believes Fenland towns should take extra homes bound for Cambridge. Picture:

Fred Brown, East Cambridgeshire District Council leader, said the region was preparing for growth, but believed there would still be a demand for homes in Cambridge.

He said: "We welcome development and are looking to grow organically and put the right infrastructure in place.

"We have no issue with taking our share of houses and that's why we are promoting masterplans for Ely, Soham and Littleport.

"I'm not sure about decanting development from Cambridge. People who want to live in Cambridge will always make it their preferred location."

On a possible referendum for residents, Cllr Hipkin said: "It is my strong belief that were they to be asked whether they agreed with the proposals to expand the city to the extent and at the speed envisaged, they would overwhelmingly reject them."

Cllr Hipkin said expansion should be halted because there will not be enough funding to deliver the necessary infrastructure and the pressure on the city centre would be too great.

He added: "Any 'spare' development land in and around Cambridge should be designated for research and development activities rather than the building of more housing estates.

"Cambridge is one of the nation's economic drivers and the first priority should be the extension and refinement of the local economy.

Cllr Clare Blair, the city council's growth chief, said housing targets had been agreed locally.

She said: "A large number of housing sites are already being developed, giving us 40 per cent affordable housing and on many sites, such as North West Cambridge, a very high level of sustainability.

"It's not a question of revisiting the growth agenda, because growth is here and happening."

Cllr Blair said the council would consult widely as it updates its growth planning.

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Deaths

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Brian Ashton, 63, took on the job of Ely's mayor for the second time last year. The city and district councillor was born in Reading and now lives in Ely.

When are you happiest: Sharing a meal with friends and family.
How do you relax?: Walking with Harry, our black Labrador.
Pet hates?: Petty bureaucracy.
Guilty pleasure?: Dark chocolate – I ration myself to one piece a day, most days!
Favourite poem: *If*, by Rudyard Kipling.
Favourite holiday destination: Antarctica. In recent years, my wife, Dene, and I have had the good fortune to visit many parts of the world.
Your hero: Sir Winston Churchill.
Four people you'd invite to dinner: Sir Winston Churchill, Thomas Jefferson, Friedrich von Hayek and Albert Einstein.
What would your super-power be: To never misjudge the true intention and motivation of others.
What three possessions would you take with you to a desert island: A photovoltaic cell pack to recharge a satellite telephone and a concave mirror to make a fire?
If you ruled the country for a day what would you do: Nothing, we have far too many rules and laws already.
What do you love most about living in Ely: Ely retains a strong sense of community and is a comfortable place to make home.

Who would you like to spend Two Minutes With? Let us know and we'll put the questions to them. Email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

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GOING GREEN: Discover how you can help reduce climate change by attending a special drop-in session in Ely.
Local environmental group, Transition Ely, will be at Ely Library on Thursday, March 24 where members of the public can find out more about climate change and how they can help reduce its effects.
The session, which runs from 10am-1pm, has been organised as part of national Climate Week, which runs from March 21-27.
For more information, call Mary-Ann Swanson on (01353) 669103.

DRAINING THE FENS: Learn more about East Cambridgeshire's undiscovered drainage system at the Fenland History on Friday club's next talk.
Professor Michael Chisholm will answer the question 'What don't we know about 17th century drainage?' at Ely Library from 10.30am-noon.
For more information, call Mike Petty on (01353) 648106.

DISABILITY SUPPORT: Learning disabilities was the topic of discussion at an event in Ely.
To mark Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Parliament Day last Friday, South East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice took part in a question and answer session.
The Cambridgeshire Parliament consists of 35 MPs who all have a learning difficulty.
They meet every two months to discuss various topics.
Friday's meeting was held at the Ely Beet Club and the topic was employment issues for people with learning difficulties.

MUSIC FOR LUNCH: An appreciative audience took a break from market day shopping last Thursday to listen to 14 young musicians from King's Junior and Senior School who gave the second in the 2011 series of free Lunchtime Live concerts in Ely Cathedral.
Instrumentalists were guitar trio, Max Crowther, Rowan McConkey, and Anna Merrell pianists Yuki Kimura, Hilary Wong and Luke Cave cellists Henrike Berg and Saskia Porter-Thaw trumpeter C.J. Porter-Thaw and singers, James Asare, Isaac Bateman, Edward Birchinall, Carlie Cox and Maxine Eddleston.

Duo take top spots in welding contest

Winners: champion welders Leigh Moulding and Craig Garrod with their work. CP.

TWO apprentices have come out top in an engineering competition.

Craig Garrod and Leigh Moulding, both from Soham, proved their skills in a welding competition held at Cambridge Regional College.

The contest was held as part of the inter-college East of England Champions Challenge.

Craig, 17, took the top slot and Leigh, 18, was runner-up.

The two apprentices, both employed by G's Marketing in Soham, worked in examination conditions at the college to beat the opposition candidates from Norwich City College.

The competition, the first of its kind, was organised to encourage more students to pit their skills against each other and develop the confidence to take part in regional and national competitions.

Little Downham

ORGANS GALORE: Organists from across the country will be descending on Little Downham later this month.
The village's annual Bygone and Organ Extravaganza will be on Saturday, March 26 and, as ever, will be raising much-needed funds for emergency medical charity, Magpas.
Now in its 19th year, the fun-filled event sees hundreds of people flock to the village to flaunt their prized possessions and to admire others.
Visitors are also treated to vintage tractor and classic car displays.
Trevor Brown, one of the organisers, said: "We raise money for Magpas every year because it is just such a worthy cause.
"Last year we raised £1,560 which was brilliant but this year we hope to raise even more.
"Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the fun."
The event will be held inside the village hall from 1-5pm.

Littleport

STAY FIT: A club which helps elderly people keep fit and active is proving so successful that it will now be meeting twice a week.
Mature & Active Littleport, which sees over-50s from the Littleport area enjoy everything from archery to carpet bowls, will now run two sessions a week.
They are held at Littleport Sports and Leisure Centre and more than 30 people now take part.
Lewis Bage, project officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "It is really encouraging that so many people are keen to reap the benefits from the Mature & Active programme.
"The sessions not only help to keep people fit and healthy, they also allow people to catch up with new and old friends.
"There are also benefits for local authorities and the NHS – the more people continue to remain active in their later years the less they will need services and support from the public sector."
For more information about the sessions, call Lewis Bage on (01353) 665555.

Wicken

WONDERFUL WILLOW: A series of willow weaving workshops will be held at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve this spring.
Traditional willow weaver and basket maker Nadine Anderson will help people design and construct border edging, trellis and bird sculptures for their garden.
The workshops are being held on Saturday, March 26 and Saturday, April 2, both from 10am-4pm.
For tickets, call (01353) 720274.

Groups hear plan on courthouse takeover

BY JACK GROVE

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

TALKS on retaining Ely Magistrates' Court for public use have been "very encouraging", according to community leaders.

With the historic courthouse set to close next week, preliminary discussions on its long-term future have been held between officials from Her Majesty's Court Service and about 15 community groups.

Representatives from East Cambridgeshire District Council, City of Ely Council, Ely Society, regeneration group Ely Perspective, the Citizen's Advice Bureau and other interested local organisations heard how about a potential takeover.

Civic organisations are looking to buy the grade-I-listed building from the court service and turn it into a tourist attraction. Outlying rooms could be converted into meeting rooms for businesses and community groups.

Investigations into raising funds to buy and run the building are also being considered.

Ely Society chairwoman Yvonne Thresh said: "It's very early days, but it was very encouraging to see so many groups expressing an interest in preserving the courthouse.

"Everyone was very interested to hear about the process of taking over the court.

"It's a listed building and very important to Ely, which means development opportunities are limited. We are looking to see if English Heritage is interested in getting involved.

"We want to preserve the character of the building, but we have to have enough income to cover the costs of running it. We need to know if that is practical.

"The discussions were very encouraging and it now depends on how much money we can raise and what it will cost to run."

Philip Eden, chairman of City of Ely Council, said: "I was really heartened by the response of people who came to the meeting with the court service.

"Studies have to be done by the court service before any decisions are taken, but the early talks have been very positive."

Justice minister Jonathan Djanogly announced the closure of the Ely court in December as part of plans to shut 93 magistrates' courts and 49 county courts to save £15 million a year.

It follows a review which said the court, which is open two days a week, was "underused" and "inefficient". Cases will now be heard at Cambridge Magistrates' Court.

■ A ceremony will take place next Thursday to mark the final sitting of the Ely courthouse, which was established two years after the infamous Littleport riots of 1819.

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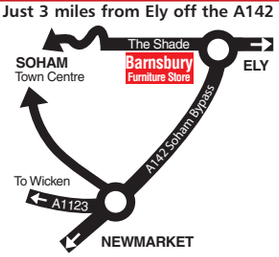

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Owned by qualified tattoo artist Geoff Chilvers, the studio opened to meet the demands of customers who had long been asking whether the centre could offer tattoos and piercings. As Holistic Fields already offers the services of a counsellor who is experienced in treating those with needle phobias, and several reiki masters who can find you a true state of bliss, they can offer a full and unique package to clients.

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Thieves take garden tools

A LAWN mower and other gardening equipment has been stolen from a leisure centre.

Thieves broke into the grounds of Littleport Leisure Centre and forced the locks off various metal storage containers.

A lawn mower, a strimmer and other tools were taken.

A spokesman for the leisure centre, in Camel Road, said it is believed the raid happened between 8pm last Thursday and 8am the following day.

He said: "They forced the locks off a few storage containers and took what they could get. It's extremely frustrating."

Anyone with any information about the burglary is urged to call police on 0345 4564564.

Cemetery dial stolen

A BRASS sun dial has been stolen from a garden of remembrance at Soham Cemetery.

The decorative piece, which will cost about £250 to replace, was taken from the cemetery in Fordham Road between noon on March 4 and 9am on March 9. It belongs to Soham Town Council.

Anyone with information should contact police on 0345 4564564.

Warning after blaze

A CHIMNEY fire sparked a warning from the fire service.

The incident in Sennitt Way, Stretham, happened on Tuesday, March 8 at 7.20pm.

One crew from Ely was called and firefighters arrived and extinguish the blaze, which was accidental.

A fire service spokeswoman said: "Please ensure that you get your chimney swept and the brickwork inspected at least once a year. This will help to prevent a chimney fire."

Karaoke with Katie

A KARAOKE evening will be held in Sutton on Saturday.

The Royal British Legion, in The Brook, will host the ever popular Katie's Karaoke in the members' bar from 8pm.

The event is for members and their guests, though new members are welcome.

For more information, call (01353) 778330.

Foul attack by vandals at play area

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

"SICK" vandals forced the closure of a village park after they "smeared" dog mess over children's play equipment.

Councillors were forced to shut the play area in Stirling Way, Sutton, on Friday, March 4 after discovering the area covered in the foul substance.

Professional cleaners were drafted in to make the play area safe and it was eventually re-opened last Thursday.

Sutton Parish Council and residents have hit out at the culprits and have urged anyone with any information to contact police.

Rosie Seymour, parish clerk, said: "We had no other option but to close the play area. It was absolutely disgusting.

"It's as if someone went in there with their dog and purposely let it foul all over the play area's hard surface and equipment. I don't know what would possess anyone to do it but we had to close it for the health and safety of local families."

> "We had no other option but to close the play area. It was disgusting."
>
> Rosie Seymour, parish clerk

Horrified mum-of-two Shelley Carnell, of The Orchards, said: "Whoever did it is sick and should be punished.

"It wasn't just a case of dog mess being left inside the park – it was everywhere.

"It was as if they had smeared it over the equipment purposely.

"My children were so upset they couldn't play there but obviously the council had to close it as it was so bad."

Another local mother, Sharon Ward, of Pound Lane, said: "Why would someone do this?

"A child could have gone in that park before the council discovered the mess and seriously harmed themselves.

"It's repulsive and if whoever did it is caught, they should be punished."

Anyone with any information about the incident should call police on 0345 4564564 or report it to the parish council.

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Housing plans 'a problem'

PLANS to demolish a property in Ely and build four new dwellings in its place are worrying councillors.

Proposals to bulldoze number 30 Lynn Road and erect four new properties on the site have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

But the City of Ely Council is urging planners to refuse the scheme.

In a report, the city council said: "This would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the character of the conservation area and an adverse impact on residential amenity of the dwellings either side of the proposed access."

The council also says there is "inadequate visibility splays at the site access".

MEMORIES

■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a special guest visiting Ely.
Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken? Send your answers to: Memories, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

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Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed Ely students who took part in a school essay competition. It was taken in June, 1989.

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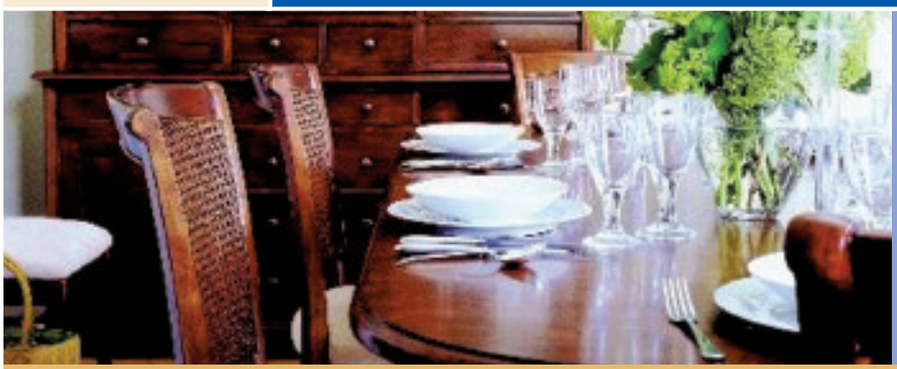

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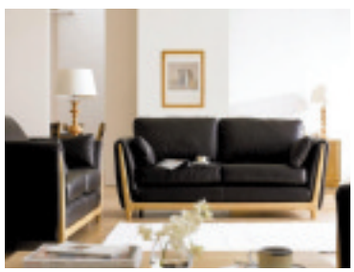

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Man faces court on drug driving charge

A MAN has appeared in court charged with driving while unfit through drugs.

Paul Green, of Bakers Corner, Ely, is alleged to have driven a Peugeot 206 along the A142 at Sutton on November 24 while unfit to drive through drugs.

The 34-year-old appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday but no pleas were entered.

The case was adjourned for Green to seek legal advice and he will re-appear at the city's courthouse on March 24.

Green was released on unconditional bail.

Inquest opens on man found dead at home

AN inquest has been opened after a man was found dead at his home.

Peter Brewis, 58, died at his address in West Fen Road, Ely, on Monday, March 7.

Mr Brewis was a musician.

An inquest into his death was opened and adjourned by William Morris, coroner for North and East Cambridgeshire, last Thursday.

Fire crews tackle blaze on verge

FIREFIGHTERS were called out after a verge near a railway station caught light.

One crew from Littleport attended the blaze on the A1101, close to the Shippea Hill railway station.

The incident occurred at 10.25am last Wednesday and one hose reel jet was used to extinguish the flames.

The cause of the fire was accidental.

Talented quartet: winners, from left, Yuki Kimura, Bryony Ding, Martha Eddy and Rowan McConkey. CP

Students hear sounds of success

ALMOST 200 instrumental and vocal performances were given during two weeks of preliminary rounds of the King's School Ely's competitive music festival.

The event culminated in the finalists' concert in Ely Cathedral, where the adjudicator was Simon Kirk, director of music at St. John's College School, Cambridge.

■ Intermediate prize winners were: piano, Yuki Kimura; woodwind, Luke Cave; brass, C.J. Porter-Thaw; strings (bowed), Yuki Kimura; singing, Fiona Campbell (classical/opera song) and Bryony Ding (popular/operetta song); organ, Anna-Rose Sliwinski; percussion, Will Brennan; ensemble, Anna Hamilton, Isobel Leventhorpe & C.J. Porter-Thaw.

Intermediate instrumentalist was Yuki Kimura while the intermediate singer and intermediate young musician of the year went to Bryony Ding.

Senior prize winners: Newport piano prize, Ron Yang (Hunter Cup for winner of the Senior Class); Eric Hoare; woodwind prize, Martha Eddy; brass prize, Oliver Hill; strings prize, Ron Yang (bowed) and Rowan McConkey (plucked); singing, Martha Eddy (classical/opera song) and Cheryl Liu (popular/operetta song); percussion, Josh Sivier. Senior singer was Martha Eddy.

Senior instrumentalist, senior young musician of the year and overall winner was Rowan McConkey.

Drink-drive man loses his licence

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

THINKING he was sober enough to drive a drunken friend home proved to be a bad mistake for "good Samaritan" Adam Scott.

When police breath tested the 37-year-old, he was almost double the legal driving limit.

Scott, of Gravel End, Coveney, appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court and pleaded guilty to a charge of drink-driving.

Magistrates heard how Scott was driving out of East Cambridgeshire District Council's car park in Ely, opposite the city's police station at 11.45pm on February 26, when officers became suspicious.

At the police station, Scott gave a reading of 68 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 micrograms.

Pat Whiles, mitigating, said her client was being a "good Samaritan" at the time.

She said: "My client had gone to the Townhouse pub in Ely with his partner and had booked a taxi home as he was drinking.

"Whilst in the pub, he saw a friend of his who was thrown out by doormen following a slight kerfuffle.

"Being a good Samaritan, he dragged his friend away from the pub to avoid any further conflict and took him to the car park opposite the police station.

"His friend's car was parked there and he made the rash decision to drive that car and get his friend home.

"He didn't think he'd be over the limit."

Scott was disqualified from driving for 15 months and fined £120.

He was also ordered to pay £85 court costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Housing group set to sell off headquarters

BY JORDAN DAY

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SANCTUARY Housing wants to sell its headquarters in Ely, the *Weekly News* can reveal.

Bosses at the massive social housing group, which owns thousands of properties in East Cambridgeshire, wants to move out of offices in St Mary's Street.

Rumours are rife that the company is planning to shift its staff to a central hub in Thetford, Norfolk and that jobs could be lost.

One employee, who asked not to be named, said: "We've all been told about the changes – but only recently.

"The company's main aim is to sell St Mary's Lodge, which is a shame.

"There are lots of rumours that we could all be made to work from Thetford and that we would be paid travel costs.

"We're also concerned about job losses, although nothing like that has yet been mentioned."

Sanctuary told the *Weekly News* that "alternative office accommodation" would be sought in Ely if the office are sold and insists jobs are not at risk.

Eamonn Dillon, the firm's regional director, said: "We can confirm that we are in initial commercial discussions regarding the sale of Sanctuary Housing's office in St Mary's Street, Ely, in order to make better use of our assets.

"Should a sale go ahead, alternative office accommodation would be sought within Ely.

"All staff members have been made aware of these plans, which do not include any redundancies.

"We will be updating staff and our residents in due course, if and when a sale is agreed."

Sanctuary Housing's housing stock in East Cambridgeshire is managed by Sanctuary East and Sanctuary Hereward. The firm took over the majority of East Cambridgeshire District Council's housing stock 25 years ago.

Anthea's on board

A HEADTEACHER with almost 20 years experience in Cambridgeshire has joined the governing body of the King's School Ely.

Anthea Kenna (pictured left) began her teaching career in Essex 36 years ago, returning to the county in January 2010 to take up her current appointment as head of The Cathedral School, Chelmsford.

Her previous headships were at St Anne's Church of England Primary School, Godmanchester, and Thriplow Church of England Primary School.

Mrs Kenna also has links with Ely Cathedral, where she was, until recently, a member of the cathedral council and the Ely area of the Royal School of Church Music.

Teenager, 19, hurt in fall at work

A TEENAGER was rushed to hospital after falling at work.

The 19-year-old woman was taken to Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, with a lower leg injury.

The incident happened at Eclipse Scientific Group, based in Medcalf Way, Chatteris, at 4.30pm last Wednesday.

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Young footballers net new gear for training

FOOTBALL training will be a warmer experience for a girls' squad thanks to a £250 grant from a energy company.

Witchford Colts' under-15s received the late-season gift by UK Power Networks, which agreed to pay for some much-needed training tops and jackets.

Team coach Gary Dewey, a project designer for the firm, bagged the cash award after making a successful application to the company's Team Sport Award scheme.

Gary, a qualified level 2 FA coach, said: "The girls have already picked out their hooded training tops and jackets which will keep them warm and dry, particularly during our late evening training sessions."

The girls are in the Cambridgeshire 9-aside under-15s S-Tech League and play at Witchford Recreation Ground in Bedwell Hey Lane.

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Man 'didn't realise' heroin was in room

POLICE stumbled across a wrap of heroin while raiding a home, a court heard.

Officers searched Darren Thurling's address in The Causeway, Soham, on February 2 and found a wrap containing 0.2g of the class A drug.

The 35-year-old appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday and admitted possessing a controlled drug of class A.

Unrepresented in court, Thurling said: "It was found in my bedroom but I haven't used heroin for a while now as I've got my methadone prescription. I didn't realise it was there."

The court heard Thurling was jailed for six weeks in December 2009 for shoplifting but had not been before the courts since.

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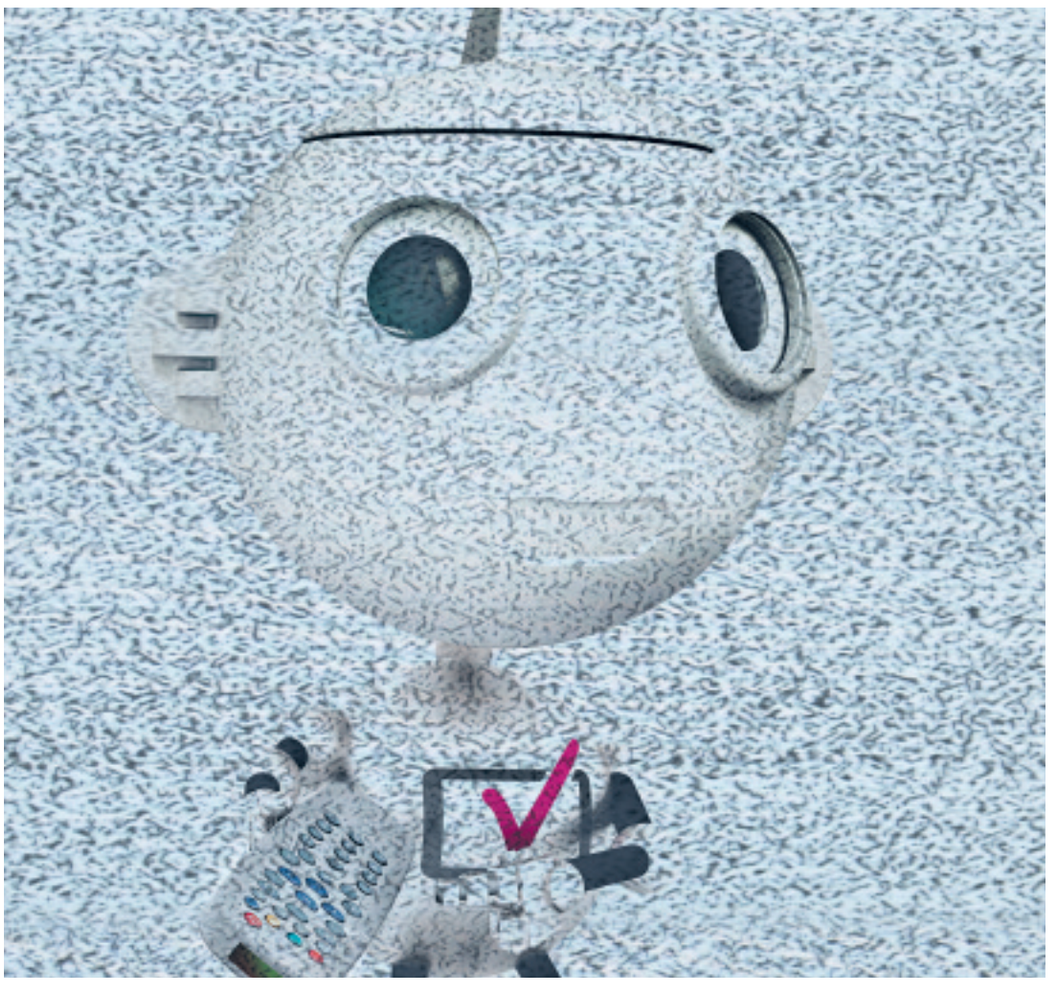

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Pupils dig in for next generation

PRIMARY school pupils and community leaders grabbed their spades to help plant hundreds of trees in their village.

The bumper tree planting day was held last Thursday to create a woodland of native trees in Littleport.

Pupils from Littleport Community Primary School, local councillors and Sanctuary Hereward residents came together to plant 300 saplings, which were donated by Sanctuary Hereward.

The new woodland area is on an acre of land at the end of Limes Close.

The event was held as part of the Planting Parishes project, a joint initiative between East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Woodland Trust set up to create woodland areas for community use and to reduce carbon emissions.

Eamonn Dillon, regional director for Sanctuary – which manages some 400 properties in Littleport – said: "It was good to see so many local people get together to help create what will soon become a thriving woodland for all to enjoy.

"Planting Parishes is a wonderful initiative which will hugely benefit the community and the environment – we are pleased to have been able to show our support."

To take part in the Planting Parishes project, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk/environment/planting-parishes*

'We need more facilities on northern fringe'

ALMOST 400 people attended a public exhibition to have their say on a major new housing development in Ely.

A total of 109 feedback forms have also been submitted about the Highflyer Farm proposals.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the proposals could be the first phase of plans to build thousands of new homes to the north of Ely over the next 15 years – expanding the city's population from 15,000 to 25,000 residents.

The land earmarked for the site is to the east of the Princess of Wales Hospital.

The Church Commissioners for England are behind the plans and held public exhibitions in January..

A total of 376 people attended the two-day event – with 78.8 per cent saying they needed extra community facilities and services in the north of the city, including a food store.

Joanna Loxton, planning and development manager for the Church Commissioners, said: "During the exhibition we were particularly struck by the desire for additional community facilities and services such as a local food store, a pharmacy and/or GP surgery as well as the community hall.

"The majority of residents were keen to ensure any future development provides associated infrastructure such as a second access point onto Lynn Road.

"We will be taking this feedback on board and will keep local residents updated as we progress."

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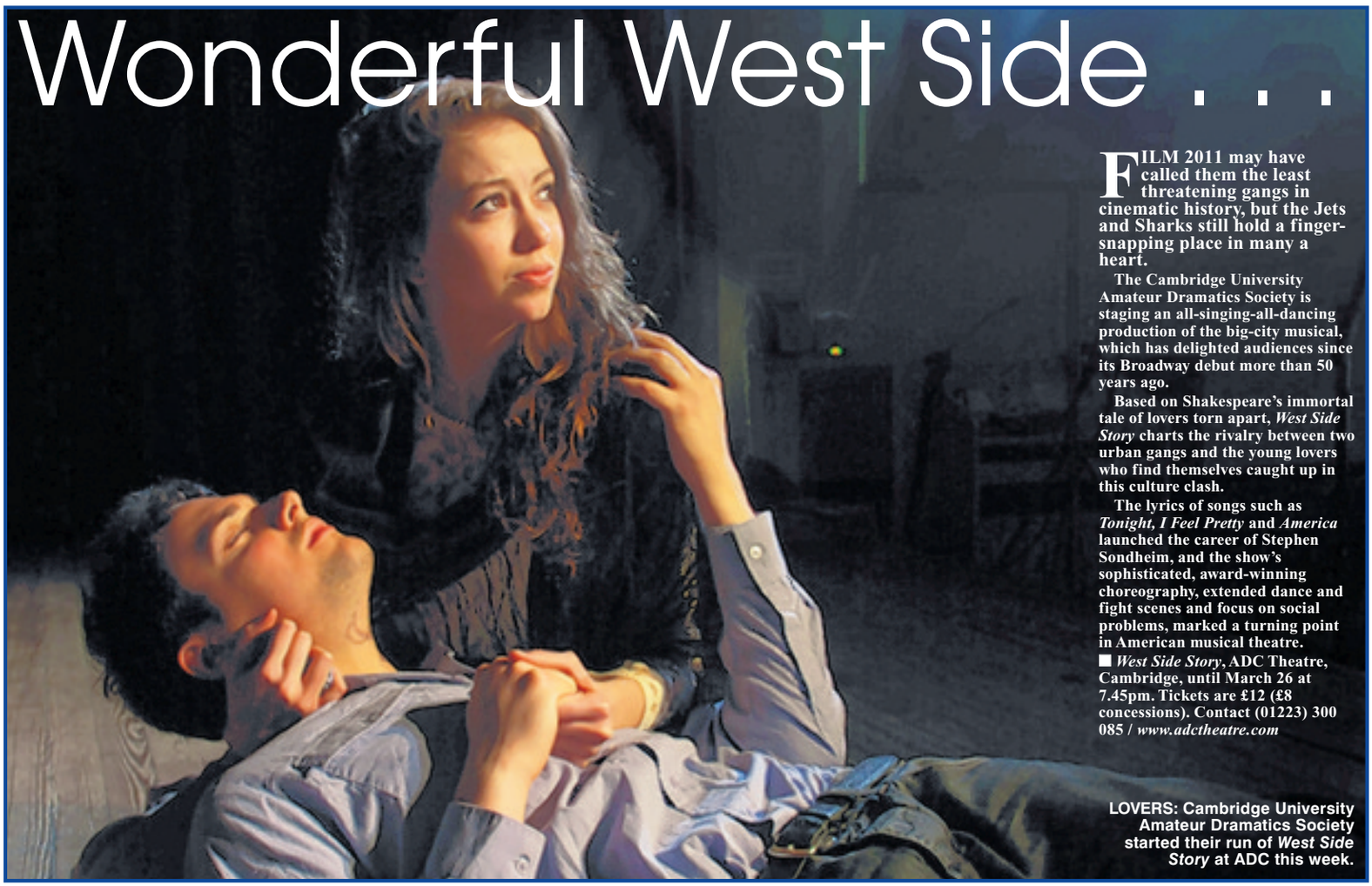

FILM 2011 may have called them the least threatening gangs in cinematic history, but the Jets and Sharks still hold a finger-snapping place in many a heart.

The Cambridge University Amateur Dramatics Society is staging an all-singing-all-dancing production of the big-city musical, which has delighted audiences since its Broadway debut more than 50 years ago.

Based on Shakespeare's immortal tale of lovers torn apart, *West Side Story* charts the rivalry between two urban gangs and the young lovers who find themselves caught up in this culture clash.

The lyrics of songs such as *Tonight*, *I Feel Pretty* and *America* launched the career of Stephen Sondheim, and the show's sophisticated, award-winning choreography, extended dance and fight scenes and focus on social problems, marked a turning point in American musical theatre.

■ *West Side Story*, ADC Theatre, Cambridge, until March 26 at 7.45pm. Tickets are £12 (£8 concessions). Contact (01223) 300 085 / *www.adctheatre.com*

LOVERS: Cambridge University Amateur Dramatics Society started their run of *West Side Story* at ADC this week.

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Students get connected

ACTORS from the King's School Ely have had their amateur dramatics skills put to the test.

The school has been taking part in the National Theatre's New Connections programme, which gives teenagers the chance to perform challenging new plays by contemporary writers.

As part of the programme, King's students performed *Bassett*, a play by James Graham, which tells the story of 14 students locked in a room over lunchtime by their frustrated supply teacher on the day that the body of Charlie, their ex-head boy, is repatriated from Afghanistan.

Each student has a reason to get out of the room, but one boy, Leo, is desperate to pay his respects as the procession of hearses passes through the town and he has more reason than anyone to see Charlie one last time.

Members of the public were invited to the free performances last week.

The production was also attended by staff directors from the National Theatre, who will now feed their thoughts on the students' performance back to the company.

The production could be staged at a regional festival in Norwich later this year.

Classic rock

HIT local band Men Behaving Sadly will perform in Ely on Saturday.

They will be at the King's Arms in St Mary's Street performing classic rock from 9pm onwards. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Rave on with Buddy at Brook tribute night

BY JACK GROVE

TICKETS are still on sale for a top evening of rock 'n' roll music.

Buddy Holly tribute artist Mat Roberts will star in an evening of 50s and 60s nostalgia at The Brook, in Soham, tomorrow, from 8pm.

The Not Fade Away legend will be joined on the bill by The Billy Fury Tribute Show, with a set including hits such as *Because of Love* and *It's Only Make Believe*.

Venue manager Dan Schumann said: "This is a top show with two of the UK's best performers, which we are very lucky to have coming to The Brook – make sure you buy your tickets fast as it is sure to sell out."

Tickets cost £12 and can be bought by calling (01353) 721748 or (01353) 669759.

CLASS ACT: Mat Roberts will bring the sound of Buddy Holly back to life tomorrow night.

Good sports take to stage

ACTORS will take to the stage to raise awareness about child welfare issues.

Not In Our Club will be at The Maltings in Ely on Monday, March 28.

The Geese Theatre Company is staging the interactive event to raise awareness about child protection in sport.

Rachel Tarr, national child protection manager at the Football Association, said: "Geese Theatre Company provide an inspiring and unique insight into understanding the safeguards that need to be in place in sports clubs as well as the consequences if this doesn't happen.

"Definitely an event not to be missed, it deals with realities and solutions.

"I can't stress enough how much of an added value it is for welfare officers to be accompanied by at least one member of the committee – seeing is believing, don't miss this excellent opportunity."

Tickets are priced at around £10 each. For tickets, call Lucy on (01487) 849929 or visit *www.livingsport.co.uk*

Ride on the 80s

KING'S Junior School is appealing to readers for help to find a 1980s mountain bike.

The school is staging a musical production, *Back to the 80s*, later this month. The school's director of music, Neil Porter-Thaw, said: "So far we haven't been able to find an authentic 1980s mountain bike. It would be wonderful to find the real thing."

Anyone who can help can phone the school on (01353) 660730.

There will be three evening performances of *Back to the 80s,* which includes 25 hits from the 1980s, at King's Hayward Theatre between March 23-25.

Cinema Listings

All times are PM unless otherwise stated

ELY THE MALTINGS
(01353) 616991
www.themaltingsely.com
Times from Fri, Mar 18, until Thu Mar 24
Tangled (PG): Sun 3
Black Swan (15): Sun 7.30
Gnomeo and Juliet (U): Wed 3
Morning Glory (12A): Wed 7.30

CAMBRIDGE CINEWORLD
0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk
Times from Fri, Mar 18, until Thu Mar 24
Die Walkure (TBC) – opera from The Bayreuth Festival: Mon 6
A Turtle's Tale – Sammy's Adventures 3D (U): Sat-Sun 11am, 1, 3
A Turtle's Tale – Sammy's Adventures (U): Sat-Sun 11.30am, 1.45
Limitless (15): Wed-Thu 1.40, 4.10, 6.40, 9.10
The Eagle (12A): Wed-Thu 3.15, 6, 8.45
Chalet Girl (12A): Fri 1.35, 4, 6.20, 8.50; Sat-Sun 11.10am, 1.35, 4, 6.20, 8.50; Mon-Thu 1.35, 4, 6.20, 8.50
The Lincoln Lawyer (15): Fri-Thu 3.50, 6.25, 9
Submarine (15): Fri 3.40, 6.10, 8.30; Sat 1.30, 3.40, 6.10, 8.30; Sun 10.40am, 1.30, 3.40, 6.10, 8.30; Mon-Thu 3.40, 6.10, 8.30
Battle: Los Angeles (12A): Fri-Thu 2.30 (subtitles Sun), 5.05, 7.55 (subtitles Mon)
Hall Pass (15): Fri-Sat 4.25, 9.25; Sun 11.15am, 4.25, 9.25; Mon-Thu 4.25, 9.25
Rango (PG): Fri 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45; Sat-Sun 11.50am, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45; Mon 2.15; Tues 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45; Wed-Thu 2.15, 4.45 (subtitles Thu, 7.15
The Adjustment Bureau (12A): Fri 2.20, 7.10, 9.35; Sat-Sun 5, 7.10, 9.35; Mon-Tues 2.20, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35; Wed-Thu 2.20, 7.10 (subtitles Thu)
Unknown (12A): Fri-Tues 2.10, 4.35, 7.05, 9.30; Wed-Thu 4.40, 9.35
Paul (15): Fri-Sat 2, 4.30, 7, 9.40; Sun 11.30am, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.40; Mon-Tues 2, 4.30, 7, 9.40; Wed-Thu 9.40
Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (U): Sat-Sun 10.10am, 12.20
Yogi Bear (U): Sat 10.20am; Sun 10.20am, 12.15
The King's Speech (12A): Fri-Thu 1.50, 6.45
Movies for juniors
How To Train Your Dragon (PG): Sat 10am
Tooth Fairy (PG): Sat 10am
Despicable Me (U): Sat 10am

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Times from Fri, Mar 18, until Thu Mar 24
Toy Story 3 (U): Sat-Sun 10am
Teen Screenings – Exclusive Screenings For 13-18 Year Olds: Megamind (PG): Fri 6; Thu 6
Chalet Girl (12A): Fri 2.10, 4.10, 7.10, 9.30; Sat 2.10, 4.10, 7.10, 9.30, midnight; Sun-Tthu 2.10, 4.10, 7.10, 9.30
The Lincoln Lawyer (15): Fri 1.50, 4.20, 7, 9.40; Sat 12.40, 3.20, 6.10, 9, 11.40; Sun 12.40, 3.20, 6.10, 9; Mon-Thu 1.50, 4.20, 7, 9.40
A Turtle's Tale – Sammy's Adventures 3D: Sat-Sun 10.10am, 12.20, 2.30
A Turtle's Tale – Sammy's Adventures (U): Sat-Sun 11am, 1.10
The Eagle (12A): Wed-Thu 2.20, 5.05, 7.40
Limitless (15): Wed-Thu 2, 4.40, 7.20, 9.55
Battle Los Angeles (12A): Fri 3.50, 6.30, 9.10; Sat 1, 3.50, 6.30, 9.10, 11.50; Sun-Mon 3.50, 6.30, 9.10; Tues 3.50, 9.10; Wed-Thu 3.50, 6.30, 9.10
Hall Pass (15): Fri 3.10, 5.40, 8.10; Sat 3.10, 5.40, 8.10, 10.40; Sun-Tues 3.10, 5.40, 8.10
Fair Game (12A): Fri 8.50; Sat 8.50, 11.20; Sun-Tues 8.50
Rango (PG): Fri 3.30; Sat-Sun 10.20am, 12.50, 3.30, 6.20; Mon-Wed 3.30, 6.20; Thu 3.30
The Adjustment Bureau (12A): Fri 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.20; Sat 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.20, 11.55; Sun-Thu 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.20
Unknown (12A): Fri-Tues 2, 4.40, 7.20, 9.55; Wed-Thu 8.50
The King's Speech (12A): Fri 2.30, 5.15, 8; Sat-Sun 5.15, 8; Mon-Thu 2.30, 5.15, 8;
Paul (15): Sat 10.50
Tangled (PG): Sat-Sun 11.20am
Yogi Bear (U): Sat-Sun 10.50am
Gnomeo And Juliet (U): Sat-Sun 9.50am, 11.50am
I Am Number Four (12A): Sat-Sun 11.30am
Subtitled Performance: Battle Los Angeles (12A): Sun 1; Tues 6.30

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Times from Fri, Mar 18, until Thu Mar 24
Lucia Di Lammermoor (12A)
MET opera 2010/2011 season – LIVE performance: Sat 4.40
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A Turtle's Tale – Sammy's Adventures 3D (U): Sat-Sun 11am, 1.15, 3.30, 5.40
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The Lincoln Lawyer (15): Fri 3.30, 6.15, 9; Sat-Sun 12.45, 3.30, 6.15 (subtitles), 9; Mon-Thu 3.30, 6.15 (subtitles Mon), 9
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Rango (PG): Fri 1.45, 4.10, 6.40; Sat-Sun 10.45am, 11.15am, 1.45, 4.10, 6.40; Mon-Thu 1.45, 4.10, 6.40
The Adjustment Bureau (12A): 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30; Sat-Sun 4.30, 7, 9.30; Mon-Thu 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30
Unknown (12A): Fri 3.35, 6.15, 9.05; Sat-Sun 12.40, 3.35, 6.15, 9.05; Mon-Tues 3.35, 6.15, 9.05; Wed 3.35, 6.15, 9.20; Thu 6.15, 9.20
Paul (15): Fri 3.30, 6, 8.30; Sun 6, 8.30; Mon-Tues 3.30, 6, 8.30; Wed 6, 8.30; Thu 1.40, 3.30
Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (U): Sun 11.10am
Gnomeo & Juliet (U): Sat-Sun 12.40, 2.35
Yogi Bear (U): Sat-Sun 10.45am, 12.55
Tangled (PG): Sat-Sun 11am
The King's Speech (12A): Fri-Tues 3.10, 5.55, 8.30; Wed-Thu 3.10
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How To Train Your Dragon (PG): Sat 10.05am
Tooth Fairy (PG): Sat 10.10am
Despicable Me (U): Sat 10am

The big film

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IN July 2003, former UN weapons inspector Dr David Kelly died after a high-profile appearance before the Foreign Affairs Select Committee to answer questions about the so-called "dodgy dossier" of evidence about weapons of mass destruction.

On the other side of the Atlantic at the time, CIA operations officer Valerie Plame was caught in the eye of a media storm after her own government had seemingly blown her cover to discredit her husband, who had been highly critical of the Bush administration.

She became a focal point for the anger and confusion of a nation struggling to understand the decision to invade Iraq based on apparently flawed intelligence data.

Plame endured trial by media and her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, chronicled their ordeal in his 2004 book, *The Politics of Truth: Inside the Lies That Led to War and Betrayed My Wife's CIA Identity: A Diplomat's Memoir.*

She followed suit three years later with her versions of events, *Fair Game: My Life as a Spy, My Betrayal by the White House*.

Doug Liman, director of *The Bourne Identity* and *Mr & Mrs Smith*, relives the fraught period in this dialogue-heavy thriller adapted from the couple's memoirs.

In the film, Valerie (Naomi Watts), whose CIA status is unknown to almost her entire circle of family and friends, is caught in the crossfire when her husband Joe (Sean Penn) writes a scathing opinion piece for *The New York Times*.

A subsequent article in *The Washington Post* exposes Valerie and she is shunned by colleagues, including Jack McAllister (Michael Kelly), who need to protect their own identities.

Fair Game is a gripping snapshot of the events leading up to the war in Iraq and the subsequent fallout for Valerie, Joe and their family.

The script tries to avoid taking sides, despite the source material, by providing a clear and concise timeline of events in the corridors of power as the possibility of war becomes a sickening reality.

The knot in our stomach tightens with each passing frame as Valerie and Joe witness events spiralling out of control before them, and the terrible price they must pay for daring to lift the veil of secrecy and lies.

Watts and Penn deliver riveting, impassioned performances, laying bare the rage and disappointment that slowly threatens to tear their marriage apart at a time when they most need to mount a united front.

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CROSSWORD | SUDOKU | WORD GAME | KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

NAME GAME: How many four-letter words can you make from the name of this early astronomer?

Each letter may be used once only in each word. NOT admissible are abbreviations; prefixes; proper names; poetic short forms; plural and verb forms ending in 's'; foreign and dialectal words not in common English use; slang terms; and words that might make Granny blush.

This week's pass mark is 58 words: 10 beginning with C, three with E, two with I, three with N, five with O, 13 with P, 11 with R, 10 with S and one with U.

Copernicus

■ Answers

Coin, coir, cone, cope, core, corn, coup, crop, cure, cusp.
Once, onus, open, rope, rose, roup, ruin, rune, ruse.
Rein, rice, ripe, rise, rose, pose, pour, pure.
Upon.
Nice, nose, nous.
Icon, iron.
epos.
Ecru, epic, pern, peso, pier, snip, sore, soup, sour, spin, spun, spur, sure.
Peon, peri, pine, pion, pone, pore.
Sine, sire, ruin, rune, ruse.
cusp.
Upon.

Sudoku 144:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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2	3	7	8	5	9	1	4	6
8	6	9	3	1	4	7	2	5
5	4	1	7	2	6	9	3	8
9	5	3	1	8	2	6	7	4
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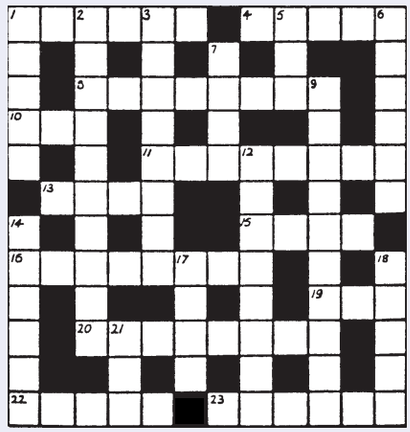
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2208



Across

1. Have young from a distant line. (6)
4. Make amends when it's lunch time. (5)
8. Boxer, say, to observe time awake at sea. (3,5)
10. A quiet end to the fire. (3)
11. Head lover is a peer. (8)
13. Making goad, stick with page first. (4)
15. Midday on no-fault basis. (4)
16. Shook at the case with arrows given to journalist. (8)
19. Be in favour of turning right. (3)
20. Pleased I mixed oil with flowers. (8)
22. Wear out Queen with poem. (5)
23. Snakes and Ladders losing capital. (6)

Down

1. Stay aloft in some way. (5)
2. Revolutionary girl's band as irrelevant diversion. (3,7)
3. Musical instrument to end with thin material. (8)
5. Uncontrolled movement of parasite, say. (3)
6. Width of what was once temporary accommodation. (6)
7. Hit bachelor with sheep. (4)
9. Government Department that deals with houses? (4,6)
12. Peer of the realm? No, just the host. (8)
14. Single pile of papers for country gentleman. (6)
17. Take to horse free, easily at first. (4)
18. Push for the papers. (5)
21. Fifty notice the boy. (3)

Solution 2207 – Across: 1. Portion; 4. Gape; 6. Offhand; 9. Rankle; 11. Exist; 12. Beetle; 15. Ushers; 18. Slang; 19. Enigma; 21. Prepare; 23. Seer; 24. Concern. **Down:** 1. Prosecute; 2. Raffish; 3. Own; 4. Grange; 5. Pill; 7. After; 8. Drab; 10. Evergreen; 13. Ensue; 14. Teacake; 16. Edgier; 17. Soap; 20. Note; 22. Rio.

FOUR Ws

1. WHO wrote the novel *The House of the Seven Gables*? WHAT are the two brightest stars in the constellation Gemini? WHERE was the actor Sir Michael Gambon born? WHEN did the author E.M. Forster die?

2. WHO was the Head of the Federal Military Government of Nigeria from 1966-75? WHAT was the first Grand Slam singles tennis title won by Pete Sampras? WHERE in Africa is the Great Mosque of Djenne? WHEN is Canada Day celebrated?

3. WHO was the British painter of the 1889 oil *The Heart of the Rose*? WHAT nationality is golfer Darren Fichardt? WHERE in Africa is the Meru National Park? WHEN was the H. J. Heinz Company founded?

Answers: 1. Nathaniel Hawthorne; Castor and Pollux; Dublin, Ireland; 1970. **2.** Yakubu Gowon; 1990 US Open; Mali; July 1. **3.** Edward Burne-Jones; South African; Kenya; 1869.

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GARDENING TIPS

by Hannah Stephenson

If you're a regular shopper at garden centres and nurseries, the chances are that at some point you'll have bought a plant which has received the RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM).

Most people see this as a sign that it's a reliable, above average specimen which will perform well in the right conditions. But plants have to go through a rigorous process before the coveted logo can be added to the label.

Only around 34 new plants are trialled each year and it can take three years plus before the AGM is awarded, and more for trees or slow-growing plants.

Since being first introduced in 1922, more than 7,000 plants have received the Award of Garden Merit. New plants are trialled at one of the RHS gardens or at a selected nursery or specialist grower.

A panel of committee experts then meets to discuss and assess the merits of the plants, with input from plant heritage experts and National Collection holders.

"There are five criteria, which are looked at as a group and not individually," Jim Gardiner, RHS director of horticulture, explains.

"The first one is excellence for ordinary use in appropriate conditions. The next is that the plant is available in the trade at some level."

This means that a widely grown, popular plant, for instance Lavandula hidcote, would have to be widely available from retailers nationwide to qualify, while a less popular plant, such as a trillium, should be available from appropriate outlets or specialists who grow that type of woodland garden plant.

The other criteria are that the plant must be "of good constitution", which means it is known to be healthy, and "essentially stable in form and colour", performing to its description.

So, if for example you were buying a variegated plant, it's not going to revert, says Gardiner.

It's also got to be reasonably resistant to pests and diseases.

"For instance, there are some herbaceous plants that succumb to mildew when put under stress.

QUALITY: buy a plant with the Award of Garden Merit label, says RHS horticultural director Jim Gardiner (right), and you can be sure it's first class.

What we are saying is that if it gets mildew very quickly, it won't be given the Award of Garden Merit."

Climate will inevitably have some bearing on a plant's performance. Some plants will do better in warmer regions in the south than in cooler northern areas.

This is again something the RHS is hoping to tackle when it hosts the world's first international trials conference at RHS Garden Wisley, in Surrey, in July.

"As part of our international trials conference, we'll be having a debate about hardiness ratings, linked to the Award of Garden Merit," says Gardiner.

This may mean that in future people will be able to more easily understand what ratings their plants fall under at the point of sale.

At present, it's not compulsory to include hardiness ratings on plant labels. Even when growers do include the information on the label, the current rating of one to four is not as clear as it should be, says Gardiner, and the RHS is hoping to extend the rating from one to seven.

"Responsible growers are putting the hardiness ratings on their labels. If it's not on the plant tag, it should be at the point of sale.

"It's in the growers' interest to make sure they put it on because inevitably the hardiness over the last few years has been tested to the limit."

This year the RHS is carrying out a 'sunset review' to ensure that the AGM list is up to date and that plants which have been superseded by better varieties or are no longer available are dropped from the list.

The new logos will be drip-fed into outlets through the year, gradually replacing the old ones.

Logos may change but the aim remains the same.

"When people go to nurseries or garden centres, if they look for the AGM logo they know there's been a huge amount of investment, not only in time but in knowledge and expertise, to know they'll be getting a first class garden plant," says Gardiner.

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THE GUIDE | WEEKEND TV

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.
11.30 Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. The chef celebrates his passion for sweet and savoury puddings
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.15 Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests review the week's action and react to the draw for the latter stages of the Champions League and UEFA Europa League. Plus, a look ahead to a weekend of Premier League matches.
1.00 A Question of Sport. Guests Eddie Jordan, Joe Calzaghe, Gethin Jones and Mark Foster join team captains Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell.
1.30 Outtake TV.
2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). Jason Mohammad is at Murrayfield to present the first of today's triple bill of matches.
4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v England (Kick-off 5pm).
7.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Wales (Kick-off 7.45pm).
10.00 The National Lottery.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Finley the Fire Engine. 6.10 Zigby. 6.25 The Large Family; Octonauts: Creature Reports. 6.35 Little Robots. 6.45 Rastamouse.
7.00 CBBC: Basil and Barney's Game Show.
7.30 Arthur; Leon. 8.00 Sam & Mark's Guide to Dodging Disaster. 8.30 Project Parent. 9.00 Dick & Dom's Funny Business.10.00 Trapped Ever After; Diddy Dick & Dom. 10.30 OOglies. 10.45 Copycats.
11.15 My Life: Big Brother.
11.45 Deadly 60 Bite Size. (R)
11.50 MOTD Kickabout.
12.05 Diagnosis Murder.
12.50 FILM: The Man from Laramie (1955). Western.
2.30 Into the West. An Indian prophet gives the tribes new hope. Last in the series.
4.00 Churches: How to Read Them.
4.30 Final Score.
5.15 Priceless Antiques Roadshow.
5.45 Escape to the Country.
6.30 Flog It!
7.30 Dad's Army.
8.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper. Documentary looking at the life and work of the comedian.
8.30 The Story of Variety with Michael Grade. Part one of two.
9.30 Christopher and His Kind. Period drama, starring Matt Smith and Toby Jones.
11.00 The Tudors.
11.50 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 Coronation Street. Omnibus.
11.45 This Morning: Saturday.
12.45 onk. Natalie tries to arrange a surprise birthday party for Adrian.
1.40 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.45 You've Been Framed!
2.15 FILM: Doc Hollywood (1991). Comedy, with Michael J Fox and Woody Harrelson.
4.15 FILM: Evan Almighty (2007). Comedy sequel to Bruce Almighty, starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman.
5.55 Anglia News and Weather.
6.05 ITV News and Weather.
6.20 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage,
6.50 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
7.20 Ant & Dec's Push the Button.
8.35 Take Me Out. In an extended edition, a triathlete, a property developer, a sales executive and an electrician enter the 'love lift' hoping to impress 30 single women. Last in the series.
10.05 FILM: Casino Royale (2006). Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Mads Mikkelsen.
11.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.35 FILM: Casino Royale (2006). Concluded.
12.55 The Zone.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Sali Mali. 6.15 The Hoobs. 6.40 The Hoobs.
7.05 The Track and Field Show.
7.30 The Grid.
7.55 The Morning Line.
8.50 T4: Friends. 9.25 4Music Favourites: Nicole Scherzinger. 9.55 The Beckhams: Real Stories. 10.55 Glee. 11.55 Great British Hairdresser. 12.55 The Big Bang Theory. 1.25 The Big Bang Theory.
1.50 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Uttoxeter and Ffos Las.
3.50 The Secret Supper Club. A dinner on a steam train on the Brecon Mountain Railway.
4.20 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions also 4.50, 5.20 and 5.55
6.25 The Political Slot.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 River Cottage Every Day.
8.00 Seven Ages of Britain. The third age of Britain, from 43 to 410AD, when the Romans arrived and took control.
9.05 FILM: The Happening (2008). Premiere. A family flees for their lives as America is struck by a strange phenomenon that causes people to kill themselves. Horror, starring Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel.
10.50 Stand Up for the Week.
11.45 FILM: Kalifornia (1993). Thriller starring Brad Pitt and David Duchovny.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.40 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 The Beeps. 7.00 Mio Mao. 7.10 Chiro. 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 7.25 Milkshake Monkey. 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.40 Milkshake! Show Songs. 7.45 Igam Ogam. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.10 Little Lodgers. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Play! 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Olivia. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing.
10.00 The Family Recipe.
10.05 UEFA Europa League Highlights.
11.10 The Gadget Show.
12.10 Ice Road Truckers.
1.15 FILM: Jane Doe: How to Fire Your Boss (2007). Murder mystery, starring Lea Thompson.
2.55 FILM: Mona Lisa Smile (2003). Drama
5.05 FILM: While You Were Sleeping (1995). Romantic comedy.
7.10 5 News Weekend.
7.15 NCIS.
8.05 CSI: Grissom's Greatest.
9.05 CSI: NY. See Pick of the Day.
10.05 CSI: Miami.
11.05 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.

Wonders of the Universe
BBC2, Sunday, 9pm

Duran Duran: One Night Only
ITV, Sunday, 8.30pm

Rover Cottage Everyday
Channel Four, Saturday, 7pm

CSI: Grisson's Greatest
five, Saturday, 8.05pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.35 Match of the Day.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions.
11.00 Country Tracks.
12.00 The Politics Show. With Jon Sopel.
1.00 EastEnders. Omnibus.
2.35 Weakest Link. Residents of the UK's smaller islands compete.
3.20 Bargain Hunt.
3.50 Escape to the Country.
4.50 Lifeline. An appeal on behalf of the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust.
5.00 Songs of Praise.
5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.00 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers.
6.30 The Boat That Guy Built.
7.00 Countryfile. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents more valuations from Saltaire, West Yorkshire.
9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. A woman who went missing from a care home in 1986 is found brutally murdered in a burnt-out car – and the team discovers she had recently abducted a teenage girl. Concludes tomorrow.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Comic Relief Highlights 2011.
11.25 Stand Up for Comic Relief.
11.55 Reggie Perrin.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Finley the Fire Engine.
6.10 Zigby.
6.25 The Large Family; Octonauts: Creature Reports. 6.35 Little Robots. 6.45 Rastamouse.
7.00 CBBC: Basil and Barney's Game Show.
7.30 Arthur; Leon. 8.00 Sam & Mark's Guide to Dodging Disaster. 8.30 Gimme a Break. 9.00 Dick & Dom Go Wild. 9.30 Cop School.
10.00 Something for the Weekend.
11.30 Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman.
12.00 Diagnosis Murder.
12.45 FILM: The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943). Satirical drama.
3.20 FILM: The Red Shoes (1948). Oscar-winning drama, starring Moira Shearer.
5.30 The Spice Trail.
6.30 Live MotoGP. (Start-time 7.00pm).
8.00 Top Gear. Actor Eric Bana is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 Wonders of the Universe.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Chelsea v Manchester City at Stamford Bridge and Sunderland v Liverpool at the Stadium of Light.
11.00 ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV.
9.25 May the Best House Win.
10.25 House Gift. Interior-design challenge from St Ives, Cornwall.
11.30 This Morning: Sunday. Highlights of the week's programmes.
12.30 Dinner Date. Lois Saville from London chooses three blind dates.
1.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.35 FILM: Columbo: By Dawn's Early Light (1974).
3.35 Midsomer Murders. Barnaby investigates a double murder.
5.35 Anglia News and Weather.
5.50 ITV News and Weather.
6.10 Harry Hill's TV Burp.
6.40 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the semi final. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 Duran Duran: One Night Only. Christine Bleakley presents a one-off special in which the band perform their biggest hits, plus tracks from their new album All You Need Is Now.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.
10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.15 Leah's Dream. The story of nine year-old Leah Garfitt, who suffers from dementia.
11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Gloucester v Newcastle Falcons. Martin Bayfield presents highlights.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. 6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs.
7.00 FIS Freestyle World Ski Championships.
7.25 That Paralympic Show.
7.55 T4: Friends. 8.25 Friends. 8.50 Hollyoaks. 11.20 Friends. 11.50 Glee. 12.50 The Simpsons. 1.25 The Simpsons. Marge protests about TV violence.
2.00 Four in a Bed. Also 2.30, 3.00, 3.30 , 4.00.
4.30 Deal or No Deal. Game show.
5.30 Time Team.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. The role of Islamic culture in British society.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Football fanatic Christian Wood competes against army wife Tina Watson, spiritualist Dean Foy and former holiday rep Lara Watson, as the dinner party challenge heads to the Warwickshire town of Nuneaton. Among the highlights of the week are a host who appears to be scared of food.
8.00 Civilization: Is the West History?
9.00 Country House Rescue.
10.00 FILM: Shooter (2007). A former marine sniper framed for the assassination of an African archbishop fights to prove his innocence. Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg.
12.25 The NME Awards 2011. Angelos Epithemiou hosts.

CHANNEL 5

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10.00 Camilla Kerslake Live.
10.30 Starlight: For the Children.
11.00 Stansted: The Inside Story.
12.00 Cowboy Builders.
2.00 FILM: Blood Alley (1955). Action adventure, starring John Wayne.
4.15 5 News Weekend.
4.20 FILM: Hellfighters (1969). Adventure, starring John Wayne.
6.40 FILM: Stealth (2005). Action adventure, starring Jamie Foxx and Josh Lucas.
9.00 FILM: Death Race (2008). Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, starring Jason Statham, Joan Allen, Ian McShane and Tyrese Gibson. Including 5 News Update.
11.10 FILM: Knock Off (1998). Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.
1.00 SuperCasino.

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at a glance

- For rent at £750pcm
- Modern house
- Three bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Available now

New home has fitted kitchen

cover property

THIS brand-new family home in Dobede Way, Soham, is available to rent immediately, and comes with a garden, parking and attractive interiors.

On the ground floor, the accommodation includes an entrance hall, fully-fitted kitchen, cloakroom and a living/dining room.

There are two double bedrooms upstairs, a further single and a bathroom.

The property also benefits from an enclosed back garden and two allocated parking spaces.

Ideal for a professional single, couple or a family, this handsome home can be rented for £750 per calendar month.

For more information on this home, contact Russells on (01353) 865910.

Deceptively spacious home with well-kept gardens

SITUATED in Station Road, a non-estate location in Haddenham, is this deceptively spacious detached property.

Inside, it provides an entrance hall, cloakroom, smart kitchen, large living room, separate dining room, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

There is also a double garage with driveway plus well-maintained front and rear gardens.

This attractive home is on the market for £244,950. Get in touch with Cheffins on (01353) 654900 for further details.

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Detached home ideal for a family

ON the market for £325,000, this handsome detached home would be ideal for a family.
It stands in Lodge Gardens, Haddenham, within a select development of similar properties.

On the ground floor there is an entrance hall, living room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom.
There are four bedrooms, a bathroom and en suite to the first floor.

Outside, there is a large lawned garden, a double garage and driveway offering additional parking space.
Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

Spacious house comes with double garage

THIS property in Goodwin Grove, Ely, is on the market for £229,995.

The detached home would be ideal for a family, and offers spacious accommodation. This includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, dining room, large kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, a bathroom and en suite.

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- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom
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- 2 allocated parking

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- Modern detached house
- Popular village location
- 3 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Enclosed private rear garden
- Garage and parking

LT THETFORD £249,950

- Modern family home
- Popular village location
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility/breakfast room
- Lounge and dining room
- En-suite to bed 1
- Garage and parking
- Enclosed rear garden

STRETHAM £165,000

NEW

- End terraced village property
- Popular village location
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge and dining room
- First floor bathroom
- Oil heating
- 2 allocated parking spaces

WITCHAM £279,950

NEW

- Older style village house
- Popular location
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Planning Permission £143,995

Well presented semi detached house, offering a separate dining room, lounge & kitchen, it also has planning permission for a single storey extension to add a utility and cloakroom.

MUST VIEW! Ref: 6955

£157,500 - £167,500

Nearly new well presented modern home, approximately 6 months old, three bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room & enclosed rear garden.

GET DIALLING Ref: 6868

Spacious £143,500

Must view family home, is spacious and offers a lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom/utility, three bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed front side and rear gardens.

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6418

New Build £149,950

Delightful new home situated in a semi rural location offers a modern and sleek finish throughout. VIEWING IS ADVISED!

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6603

Bungalow £220,000

Four bedroom detached chalet bungalow with a two storey extention to the rear offering, new kitchen, new bathroom, shower room and lounge/diner.

DONT MISS THIS!! Ref: 6174

Guide Price £ 170,000 - £175,000

Gorgeous, three bedroom detached home, offers a modern kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, en-suite to the master bedroom, enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking!

VIEWING A MUST! Ref: 6919

Fantastic House £270-£285

Fantastic accommodation, modern throughout and offers a kitchen with built in dishwasher and oven, lounge with inglenook fireplace with space for a wood burner.

Excellent Location Ref: 6874

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£80,000 -£100,000

First floor apartment situated in a cul-de-sac location within Ely. New carpets, neutral decor throughout.

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£120,000 - £132,500

Charming cottage with access via a private path. Two bedrooms and courtyard garden.

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6766

£152,000 - £160,000

Spacious three bedroom family home, offering a lounge and kitchen/diner.

GET DIALLING Ref: 6558

£100,000 - £120,000

End terrace house with two double bedrooms. Within walking distance of City centre.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6778

350,000 - 385,000

Former shop, accommdation offers, large sitting room, kitchen, dining room, inner hallway and driveway.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6690

£180,000 - £190,000

Modern home is situated close to the town centre. Offering four bedrooms and single garage.

VIEWING A MUST! Ref: 6626

Ideal Family Home £136,950

Ideal family home with lounge/diner, kitchen, rear lobby, cloakroom, three bedrooms, walk in wet room with separate wc, UPVC double glazing, new combi gas boiler and enclosed rear garden.

DONT MISS THIS! Ref: 6998

Exceptional. £210,000

An exceptionally well presented detached home. The accommodation has been extended by the current owners to include a large kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room & family room/4th bedroom!

E.X.T.E.N.D.E.D Ref: 6963

Formerly Four bedrooms £229,995

Wonderful detached property, in a great location. A great home, perfect for a family offering, a lounge, dining room and enclosed rear garden.

Formerly a four bedroom detached home. This property is a sizeable family home, now a three bedroom detached home. The accommodation benefits from a private garden that is south facing and fully enclosed.

- Former fourth bedroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- En-suite
- Enclosed rear garden

MUST VIEW! Ref: 6399

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£275,000 - £295,000

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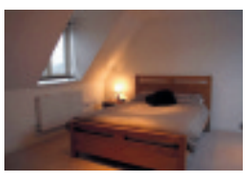
A unique one off new build designed by the current owners and sold with no upward chain, exceptionally well presented and ideal for a large family Viewing is a must to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation on offer.

- Unique Detached Home
- Well Presented
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bedroom Four/Office

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6859



£230,000 - £245,000

Well presented detached family home, offering a newly fitted kitchen & bathroom, conservatory, 4 bedrooms with en-suite to master room, tandem length garage & parking.

VIEW TODAY!! Ref: 6821

£265,000 - £285,000

A four bedroom detached family home has been completely renovated & situated in a popular town.

One off detached home situated in a non estate location which has been recently renovated throughout by the current owners. The property offers a newly fitted kitchen, new bathroom, new conservatory and new sun room.

- Detached Family Home
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6883

Exceptional £219,995

Exceptionally well presented family home situated in a popular development. The property boasts four good sized bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom & utility. Outside offers allocated parking for two cars.

MUST VIEW! Ref: 6962

£120,000 - £129,995

Dont miss this middle terrace home, offering a lounge and dining area.

DONT MISS THIS! Ref: 6840

Good Decorative Order £118,000

Good Decorative order, Two double bedrooms, New bathroom and Kitchen.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6688

Guide £120,000

Middle terrace home with two double bedrooms, recently re-fitted kitchen/ diner & lounge.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6824

£105,000 - £115,000

Two bedroom middle terrace home, also recently improved by the current owner.

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NEW

Wentworth **£350,000**

A spacious modern detached home situated in a select development of just 5 individual properties & offered for sale with no upward chain. Spacious hall, cloakroom, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (master with en-suite) & bathroom together with driveway, double garage & private rear garden.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£470,000**

Imposing 3-storey detached home in an established location almost opposite Ely City Golf Course. Hall, lounge, superb kitchen/dining/family room, utility, play room, 5 double bedrooms (3 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, double garage, gardens. The property is finished to a high specification and viewing is essential.

Ely **£875,000**

An outstanding family home in a prestigious location. Built to a high specification with entrance hall, cloakroom, 3 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area & utility room, office, 6 bedrooms (1 en-suite & dressing room & 1 en-suite), 2 bathrooms, gardens, drive, double garage & separate annexe/studio.

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Ely — £265,000

An established detached family home situated in a highly regarded non estate location on the South side of the City. Includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, family/dining room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, tandem length garage, workshop, parking and mature gardens.

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NEW PRICE

Wilburton — £335,000

A modern detached bungalow extended with a superb contemporary kitchen/family room situated in a highly regarded location. The property also contains an entrance hallway, utility room, office, lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom, together with garage, driveway and landscaped gardens.

NEW

Haddenham — £364,950

Situated in an exclusive central village location, this individual detached family home offers accommodation which inculdes entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), family bathroom, double garage, workshop/store, paved driveway and landscaped gardens. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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NEW

Littleport **£152,500**
A modern semi detached property in a small cul de sac within a popular development. Includes hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, drive, garage & good size rear garden.

Ely **£249,950**
Immaculately presented home on the edge of a popular development overlooking farmland with hall, cloakroom, 2 receptions, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage, attractive gardens.

NEW

Ely **£159,950**
Established terrace home conveniently situated for access to the City Centre. Includes hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, ground floor shower room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. Rear garden approximately 100' in length.

Soham **£192,500**
A modern home situated on the edge of a popular development with hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, driveway and garden.

NEW

Littleport **£129,950**
Established semi detached house in need of modernisation Versatile accommodtion including hall, kitchen, 2 reception rooms, ground floor shower room, 3 bedrooms, first floor bathroom & sep W.C. Mature gardens. No chain.

Witchford **£184,950**
A modern detached bungalow situated in a highly regarded residential location. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, driveway and gardens

NEW PRICE

Ely **£175,000**
Modern 3-storey townhouse in popular location with hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens and shared driveway leading to parking area and garage.

Ely **Guide Price £500,000**
An imposing immaculately presented detached residence offering substantial accommodation including 3 receptions, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage and gardens. Close to the City centre and schools.

Ely **£205,000**
A spacious 2/3 bedroom bungalow in a highly regarded location with hall, lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 3, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, garage. No upward chain

NEW

Littleport **£120,000**
An end of terrace home situated on the edge of a modern development with kitchen, cloakroom, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed garden and allocated parking. Also gas central heating & double glazing.

Ely **£385,000**
A substantial extended detached bungalow close to the City centre. Hall, cloakroom, 3receptions, kitchen, utility, wine store, 3 dble bedrooms (2 ensuite (beds 2&3 shared), driveway, garage & gardens.

NEW

Ely **£169,950**
A modern home with entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious lounge, kitchen/dining room 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), and bathroom, together with front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. No upward chain.

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Ely **£295,000**
Modern detached home in a highly regarded cul de sac with hall, cloakroom, study, kitchen, utility, dining room, lounge, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, double garage & gardens.

Littleport **£189,950**
A spacious 3-storey detached property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, utility, lounge, four double bedrooms (master with en-suite) and bathroom together with driveway, garage and garden.

NEW PRICE

Sutton **£164,950**
Well presented extended semi detached house in a cul de sac adjoing a grass field. Includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking, garage and gardens.

NEW PRICE

Littleport **£285,000**
A unique opportunity to purchase a highly individual riverside home Architect designed offering versatile accommodation with superb views and boat mooring. New kitchen and bathroom. 2 decked balconies.

Stretham **£107,950**
A terraced home situated in the popular village of Stretham with accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with parking and garden.

Ely **£199,950**
A modern detached house with entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, single garage, driveway and garden.

Little Downham **£225,000**
An extended semi detached property offering substantial accommodation. Hall, lounge, kitchen/conservatory, spacious dining room, utility, g.f. bathroom, 5 bedrooms, wet room, extensive parking and 100' rear garden.

NEW PRICE

Little Downham **£169,950**
A well presented extended semi detached property with stunning views across countryside with 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, well maintained gardens and driveway. No upward chain.

NEW PRICE

Soham **£75,000**
A modern semi detached house situated close to the centre of Soham. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, kitchen, bathroom, first floor lounge and bedroom and garage.

NEW

Ely **£210,000**
A centrally located established townhouse having accommodation on 3 floors which includes 4 bedrooms and 2 reception rooms. The property also has gas central heating and an enclosed garden to the rear.

Little Downham **£320,000**
Deceptively spacious extended detached cottage with lobby, utility, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), refitted bathroom, driveway, landscaped gardens. Superb views.

NEW

Soham **£127,500**
A modern 2 bedroom terraced house situated in a popular residential location with enclosed rear garden, studio/office, garage and parking.

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WISBECH ROAD, WELNEY
£1,500 pcm

Spacious detached five double bedroom farmhouse in a rural setting. with three reception rooms and a snooker room with full-size snooker table. The property has oil fired central heating, triple garage, extensive gardens and driveway providing ample off-road parking. Available now.

EGREMONT STREET, ELY
£900 pcm

An end terrace Edwardian home in the heart of the City centre. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room with French doors to garden and archway through to kitchen with appliances. There is also a ground floor bathroom. To the first floor there are three bedrooms (with ensuite to master) and a shower room. To the second floor is a further bedroom. The property has gas central heating and enclosed rear garden.

BROAD STREET, ELY
£750 pcm

End of terrace house with accommodation over three floors, ideally situated on the heart of the City enjoying views of Ely Cathedral, close to the riverside and rail station. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room with feature fireplace and a fitted kitchen with integrated cooker. To the first floor there is a family bathroom with shower over the bath and three bedrooms. To the second floor is the fourth bedroom/study. Gas heating, double glazing, and enclosed garden.

VICTORIA STREET, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm

Brand new three bedroom terraced house within walking distance of the rail station with gas heating and allocated parking. Available now.

BUTCHERS ROW, ELY
£650 pcm

Brand new first floor flat ideally located in the heart of the City and within walking distance of the riverside and rail station.

CLAY STREET, SOHAM
£625 pcm

Three bedroom end of terrace cottage close to town centre with enclosed courtyard garden and gas central heating. Available now.

WEST END, ELY
£625 pcm

Three bedroom terraced house close to the City centre with gas central heating, enclosed garden to the rear and on-street parking. Available now.

BERNARD STREET, ELY
£625 pcm

Two bedroom terraced cottage close to the City centre with gas central heating, courtyard garden and outbuildings. Available mid April.

CAMBRIDGE COURT, ELY
£595 pcm

Modern and well presented two bedroom ground floor flat close to the City centre. Available now.

MORTON CLOSE, ELY
£575 pcm

Modern two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating, enclosed garden and off road parking to the front. Available now.

HILLROW, HADDENHAM
£495 pcm

End of terrace two bedroom cottage with electric heating, double glazing and off road parking to the rear.

WEST FEN ROAD, ELY
£475 pcm

Two bedroom ground floor flat situated close to the City centre with gas central heating and communal gardens. Available now.

STATION ROAD, SOHAM
£450 pcm

Two bedroom first floor flat, neutrally decorated throughout, close to the centre of the town with gas central heating. Available mid April.

MARKET PLACE, ELY
£420 pcm

First floor one bedroom apartment in the heart of the City with electric heating and secure gated access. Available now.

STATION ROAD, SOHAM
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O/A £154,950

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A modern well proportioned three bedroom detached house which lies in a convenient cul de sac position close to a good range of local facilities.

Front Entrance Lobby, Spacious Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Landing, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Garage and Workshop, Rear Garden Area.

O/A £170,000

SUTTON

An immaculate and tastefully presented non estate spacious detached house situated on a large mature plot in a pleasant lane in this popular village. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Superb Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Large Garage, Attractive 88' Rear Garden.

O/A £279,950

COVENEY

A charming Grade II listed detached thatched cottage in delightful gardens of about 1/2 acre (subject to survey). Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Family Room, Dining Room, Office/Study, Utility Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 4 Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Shower Room, Double Garage with Self Contained Studio/Office.

O/A £525,000

SOHAM £169,950

A modern well appointed three bedroom detached house situated on the edge of Qua Fen Common. Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Kitchen/Dining Room, Living Room, Conservatory,En-Suite, Reserved Parking.

ELY £152,000

A early Edwardian/late Victorian bay fronted terraced property in need of some improvement which lies in a desirable position overlooking the Paradise recreation ground, with views towards Ely Cathedral, close to the city centre.

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MEPAL

A modern detached three bedroom bungalow, which is tucked away at the end of a cul de sac, on a good size corner plot in this popular village location. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, En Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gas C.H.,Single Garage, Driveway Parking, Gardens.

O/A £210,000

SUTTON
O/A £225,000

A recently renovated immaculate detached bungalow which lies in a small pleasant lane in this sought after village location. Ent. Hall, Spacious Living Room, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms,Kitchen/Breakfast Room, D.G., Central Heating to Radiators, Garage, Driveway Parking, Front & Rear Gardens.

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A particularly well appointed charming Georgian double fronted period cottage which lies in this highly sought after convenient village location. Ent. Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Spacious Dinng Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, 2 Spacious Double Bedrooms , Oil Central Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden.

O/A £154,950

SOHAM

A superb modern three bedroom semi detached house with en-suite overlooking common land to the front and farmland to the rear in this popular well served town location. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room Kitchen, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Off Street Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden. NHBC.

O/A £169,950

Cage Lane, STRETHAM O/A £195,000

An immaculate recently renovated individual 2 bedroom detached bungalow with a garage and gardens set in a landscaped gardens within a small lane in this sought after village location. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £165,000

A charming renovated double fronted period cottage with useful outbuildings which lies in this sought after village location. Dual Aspect Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, First Floor Cloakroom, Rear Garden with Brick & Timber Stores.

SUTTON O/A £240,000

A spacious non estate individual detached three bedroom bungalow with an integral garage standing on a good size plot in a popular residential location.

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A well presented modern 2 bedroom semi detached house with a garage situated in a cul de sac location just over a mile from the city centre.

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An imposing substantial four bedroom individual detached residence of space and quality with delightful gardens well situated in this popular village.

LITTLE DOWNHAM

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SUTTON

A well presented double fronted modern semi detached house pleasantly situated in a small spur on this popular residential development. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Ensuite Shower Room, Bathroom, uPVC Sash Windows, GFCH., Gardens, Garage and Parking Space.

O/A £176,000

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LITTLEPORT

A 3 bedroom linked detached house situated in a cul de sac. The property has been extended on the ground floor and offers spacious living accommodation. Hall, Sitting Room, Living/Family Room, Kitchen/Brakfast Room, Utility Area, Cloakroom, Conseratory, Bathroom, Garage, Rear Garden.

£725 pcm

Available Beg. June - Unfurnished

WICKEN

A two bedroom semi detached house located in an attractive village and backing onto open farmland. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Small Rear Garden backing onto open Farmland, Two Off Street Parking Spaces.

£575 pcm

Avaialble Beg. of April - Unfurnished

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A well maintained four bedroom older style end of terrace house located within a few minutes walk of Ely Railway Station and the City Centre and views of the Cathedral to the rear.

£750 pcm

Available Immediately - Unfurnished

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An attractive mews style two bedroom cottage which forms part of a period barn conversion in a superb position approximately 2 minutes walk from the station and marina. Living Room, Spacious Kitchen/Dining Room, Shower Room, Gas C.H. 2 Parking Spaces.

£650 pcm

Available Immediately - Unfurnished

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MP welcomes new estate agency office

SOUTH East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice has opened a new estate agents' office in Ely.

The food and agriculture minister was invited to officially open Brown & Co's 11th office in the East of England last Friday.

It is located in the former NFU premises in Prickwillow Road, Ely, and was chosen due to demand for agricultural, residential and commercial property services in the area.

Mr Paice said: "Given the difficulties in the wider economic climate it is excellent to see business growth like this in my constituency.

"Business growth is always positive for a city, and never more so than now, so I am delighted to officially open this new office."

Land agent Chris Purllant, who has moved from the firm's King's Lynn office to run the Ely operation, said: "We are thrilled that Jim Paice found time in his busy schedule to perform our official opening ceremony.

"We already have a full complement of staff covering every aspect of our services from residential and commercial sales and lettings as well as land agency and agricultural business services. The reception we're receiving from people in and around Ely is most encouraging."

Fourth from left Jim Paice with Brown & Co staff John Weston, Lisa Buckingham, Mike Stubbins, Tim Young, Debbie Spencer, Chris Purllant and Jim Major at the opening of a new Ely office

Well located detached home

OFFERS around £209,950 are invited for this beautifully presented detached house in Columbine Road, Ely.

The property occupies a prime location close to the city centre and local schools. It also comes with off-road parking and a garage.

Inside, the accommodation includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, large kitchen/dining room, living room, three first-floor bedrooms, a bathroom and an en suite to the master.

The rear garden is laid to lawn and patio.

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Littleport £530

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Unfurnished
Available 21/03/11

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HADDENHAM

An extended and refurbished family home, beautifully appointed throughout with a private rear garden located close to the heart of the village.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study, garage, oil central heating, double glazing, off road parking through secure gates to courtyard and front and rear gardens.

£360,000

MEPAL

A very well presented extended semi detached house is situated in a quiet cul de sac in this popular Ely village.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room to master bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room, sitting room/playroom, double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden and garage.

£182,950

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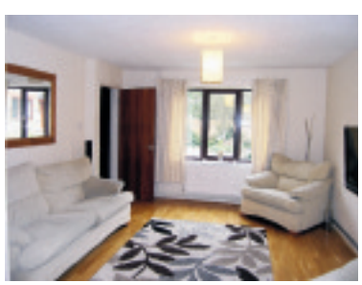
HADDENHAM

A well presented home situated in a quiet cul de sac close to the church in this popular south Ely village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, electric central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking.



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LITTLE DOWNHAM

A spacious part-attached family house of character, on a large plot, in this charming village, with good amenities and lovely farmland views to Ely. Modernisation opportunity.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lean to conservatory, garage, ample off road parking and good size front and back gardens.

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An immaculate and much improved link detached family home with accommodation over three floors situated in a set back plot.

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£339,950

NEW

STRETHAM

An immaculately presented, extended family home situated in a quiet cul de sac within the highly regarded village of Stretham.

4 bedrooms, cloakroom, 4 piece family bathroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, utility room, workshop, under floor heating downstairs, air conditioning, garage, off road parking and rear garden.

£325,000

NEW

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A spacious and well presented detached family home situated in a small cul de sac location convenient for local schools and road networks.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge, conservatory, gas central heating, double glazing, garden, garage and off road parking.

£265,000

NEW PRICE

ELY

An immaculately presented family home offering good size accommodation in one of Elys' most sought after locations.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, garage, car port, off road parking and rear garden.

£239,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

A modern double fronted three storey period style town house. Set within a prime estate location.

5 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, utility room, kitchen/dining room, lounge, office area, gas central heating, double glazing, driveway and carport, garage and rear garden.

£238,000

NEW

ELY

A beautifully presented detached home situated in a prime location, with off road parking and a single detached garage.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage, off road parking and enclosed lawned garden.

£209,950

NEW

ELY

A very well presented three bedroom detached family home set back in a quiet cul de sac location within this highly regarded residential development within the City of Ely.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, single garage, off road parking and garden.

£199,995

NEW

ELY

A three double bedroom townhouse providing versatile living accommodation with a garage and parking positioned in a popular estate just off St Johns Road.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage, off road parking and garden.

£189,950

NEW

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This Barratt home built 'Camdale' style property is a well proportioned three bedroom mid terrace with single garage and parking situated approximately one mile from the City Centre.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, double glazing, gas central heating, garden, garage and parking and good decorative order.

£168,950

NEW

SUTTON

A superbly presented modern home situated on a new small and quiet development within walking distance of the village amenities.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garden and off road parking.

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MARKET PLACE, ELY

A spacious 1BR 1st floor flat located in a private courtyard in the heart of the City Centre.

Neutrally decorated throughout the property comprises of Lounge, kitchen, bedroom and shower room. Double glazed and electric heating. Unfurnished.

£425 PCM

SUTTON

A modern 2BR ground floor flat located in a quiet road, within walking distance of local amenities, just off the High Street in the village of Sutton.

The flat comprises of open plan living area, appliances to kitchen area, 2 bedrooms and a bathroom. GCH. Small courtyard garden & 2 parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£495 PCM

SPENCER CROFT, ELY

A good sized 1BR mid terrace house located off Kings Avenue, just North of the City Centre, in an excellent location for the Princess of Wales Hospital and providing easy access to A10.

The property comprises of a kitchen, lounge/diner, double bedroom & bathroom. Electic heating. Garden & 1 allocated parking space. Unfurnished.

£495 PCM

JOHN AMNER CLOSE, ELY

A 1BR house in a quiet location that provides easy access to City Centre facilities and the BR Station.

The property comprises of a lounge, kitchen, double bedroom with built in wardrobes and bathroom. Electric heating. One allocated parking space. Unfurnished

£515 PCM

WITCHFORD

A modern and well presented 2BR ground floor flat located in the popular Village of Witchford, 2 miles West of Ely and providing easy access the A10 and A142.

Neutral decor. Open plan living area with integrated appliances to kitchen, 2 bathrooms. Double glazed throughout. GCH. 2 allocated parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£590 PCM

CAMBRIDGE COURT, ELY

A nicely presented 2BR ground floor flat in a development set back from the main road, providing easy access City Centre and BR Station.

Neutrally decorated throughout, the property offers lounge, kitchen with appliances, 2 good size bedrooms and a bathroom. GCH. 1 allocated parking space. Unfurnished

£595 PCM

BOHEMOND STREET, ELY

A nicely presented 2BR cottage in a quiet location, within walking distance of the City Centre and providing easy access to the BR Station.

Lounge/diner with open fire, modern kitchen & ground floor bathroom, double and single bedroom. Wood laminate flooring throughout. GCH. Low maintenance courtyard. On street parking. Unfurnished

£675 PCM

BROAD STREET, ELY

A nicely presented 4BR end terrace cottage a stones throw from the City Centre and within walking distance of the River and BR Station and providing easy access to the A142/A10.

Neutrally decorated throughout, the property offers kitchen, 2 reception rooms, 3 1st floor bedrooms and 2nd floor bedroom (attic). GCH. Enclosed rear garden. On street parking. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM

KINGS AVENUE, ELY

A modern 4BR end terrace Townhouse North East of the City Centre, in an ideal location for the Princess of Wales Hospital and providing easy access to the A10.

The property offers kitchen/diner, lounge, 4 double bedrooms& 2 bathrooms. Neutral decor. GCH. Rear garden. Garage & parking. Unfurnished.

£895 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A 4BR end terrace house on a popular development in Littleport providing easy access to A10 and BR Station.

Neutrally decorated and offering spacious living accommodation including 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms. Other benefits are double glazing, GCH, enclosed rear garden & off road parking. Unfurnished.

£1,000 PCM

WELLAND PLACE, ELY

A modern 4BR Townhouse located North of the City Centre, well situated for the Lantern Primary School and providing easy access to the A10.

Kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, utility room, study, 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Neutral decor. GCH. Gardens. Garage. Unfurnished.

£1,025 PCM

STOUR GREEN, ELY

A well presented 5BR townhouse situated in a good location for both the Princess of Wales Hospital and Lantern Primary School.

Neutrally decorated throughout, the property offers spacious accommodation. GCH. Front and rear gardens. Double garage and parking. Unfurnished.

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Modern home with farm views

THIS modern home in Fitzgerald Close, Ely, is immaculately presented and part of a popular development overlooking farmland.
The accommodation comprises an entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, separate dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms (one en suite) and a further bathroom.
Outside, a driveway leads to a double garage, and there are attractive gardens to the back of the house.
This smart property is on the market for £249,950.
Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

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ELY £1,400 pcm

5 bedroom townhouse. A modern property, lounge, dining room. Kitchen with all white goods. 3 bedrooms wiith en-suite, garage with auto door. Gas central heating.

ELY £525 pcm

2 bedroom first floor flat. Kitchen with base units & electric cooker. Lounge. Bathroom with shower over bath. Single garage & parking.

LITTLEPORT £470 pcm

Two bedroom first floor flat. Kitchen/diner. Lounge. Bathroom. The property has it's own garage with parking space to the rear.

LITTLEDOWNHAM £850 pcm

3 bedroom bungalow. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility area. Lounge/dining area real fire. Family bathroom with white suite & shower cubicle. Garage. Shed. Parking. Gardens

STRETHAM £850 pcm

4 bedroom house. Lounge, dining room, kitchen with white goods. Conservatory. Study. Cloakroom. Family bathroom. Garden. Single garage. Economy 10 heating.

WILBURTON £1,000 pcm

4 bedroom detached house. Lounge, dining room, study, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Master bedroom with en-suite. Garden. Double garage.

SUTTON £600 pcm

2 bedroom maisonette. Open plan lounge and kitchen. Gas hob & electric oven. Bathroom. Small garden. Covered off road parking.

SOHAM £475 pcm

2 bedroom end terrace house. Kitchen/dining area. Lounge with original fire place. Bathroom with 3 piece white suite & shower over bath. GCH.

SOHAM £570 pcm

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STAFF at local car dealership Cambridge Saab are celebrating after being shortlisted for the Saab National Dealer of the Year Award.

Cambridge Saab is now one of only ten UK Saab dealerships in the running for the top prize, making them one of the best performing sites in the Saab Dealer Network.

James Howarth, dealer principal at Cambridge Saab, said: "We are delighted to have been shortlisted for Dealer of the Year. It is testament to the hard work that the team have put in during the last 12 months and we can't wait for the winners announcement. Now is a very exciting time to be working with the Saab brand and we can only promise to continue delivering to best possible customer care and service to motorists in Cambridge."

Saab dealers are assessed annually on a wide range of criteria, including sales performance, customer care and staff training and Cambridge Saab has achieved a high score in each criteria, as well as being recognised for excellent levels of customer sales service.

Cambridge Saab is a family-run business which has been associated with Saab since 1969. James and his team are proud to be representing Saab for over 40 years.

Just last week Saab celebrated the first anniversary of its independence and launched details of the new 9-3 range, which will feature refreshed exterior and interior styling and more powerful, fuel-efficient engines for the Saab 9-3 Saloon, SportWagon, 9-3X and Convertible.

The new range is expected to arrive in Cambridge in April, with the greatly anticipated 9-5 SportWagon set to arrive in September.

■ Cambridge Saab is expecting its customers to snap up a fantastic three year free servicing plan.

The free of charge, three year plan, which is worth up to an amazing £1,000 is available on new Saab models ordered and registered before March 31, giving customers the chance to drive away a fantastic vehicle without the annual cost associated with the service.

For more information on the Saab range and accompanying offers visit 59-61 High Street, Harston CB22 7PZ, telephone (01223) 873660 or go to *www.cambridgesaab.co.uk*.

Volvo tags C30 sports-coupe

VOLVO has announced that the C30 sports-coupe will start from just £14,995.

The Volvo C30 ES 2.0 petrol (142bhp) comes with a multitude of standard features, including electronic climate control, 16-inch alloys, leather steering wheel and gearlever, Volvo's stability system (DSTC), power windows, information centre, floor mats, CD player with auxiliary input and passenger airbag cut-off switch.

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10/10	Insignia 2.0 CDTi 160 Exclusive, Silver	£14469
10/60	Insignia 1.8 Exclusive 5 door, Blue	£14620
10/60	Zafira 1.7 CDTi Energy, 5 door, Silver	£15620
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Model shown AYGO Blue 1.0 litre VVT-i 3 door manual at £9,750. ^Price is calculated by deducting £855 customer saving and £300 Centre contribution from manufacturer's list price of £9,750 and is correct at time of going to press. Includes VAT, delivery charge, number plates, 1 year's road fund licence & £55 first registration fee. Subject to availability. Only available for new retail orders of model shown between 1 March and 31 March 2011 and registered before 30 June 2011. 5 year/100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty is subject to terms and conditions, including requirement that servicing of vehicle is in accordance with the standard Toyota service schedule for the full 5 year period. *Free servicing offer and 6.9% APR Representative only available on new retail orders of model shown between 1 March and 31 March 2011 and registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ, before 30 June 2011 on a 3 year AccessToyota (PCP) plan. Excess miles over 30,000 charged at 8p per mile. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Free servicing offer includes the first three scheduled services at an official Toyota Centre (every 10,000 miles or 12 months whichever is first). Terms and conditions apply. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services.

AYGO Blue 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 51.4 (5.5), Extra Urban 70.6 (4.0), Combined 61.4 (4.6). CO2 Emissions 105g/km.

Toyota's Aygo is stand-out city car

IF you're trying to sell a car that you perceive to be cool, then the obvious colour to choose would be blue. That's precisely what Toyota have done with their latest version of the Aygo. The Aygo Blue sits below the Platinum model at the top of a revised line up and features a dedicated Cayman Blue metallic paint finish.

The unique metallic colour might be something of a giveaway but there's more to this particular Aygo than just a pretty coat of paint. Based, like all Aygos, on 1.0-litre petrol power, the Blue adheres to the tried and tested special edition formula of bundling in a bunch of extra equipment for a nominal mark up in price.

Buyers can expect to find features like the provision of Bluetooth connectivity for hands-free use of mobile phones. And blue means cool, too, with air conditioning also provided as standard, the system including an integrated pollen filter and air recirculation function. Owners can go much further too by choosing from a series of bespoke Aygo option packs.

The Xtra Protected pack equips the car for life in the urban jungle with rear parking sensors, mud flaps and carpets, while the Style pack adds alloy wheels, front fog lamps and front scuff plates. Both three and five-door body styles are available with the Blue model.

Naturally, in terms of performance, you need to remember that the Aygo Blue is a citycar first and foremost, something reflected in a sprint to 60mph that takes 14 seconds. The good news is the fact that the 1.0-litre petrol engine is predictably excellent in terms of fuel economy and emissions. The combined economy figure is 62.8mpg and emissions are pegged at a laudable 106g/km.

Bags of style: The Toyota Aygo is a neat little city car with excellent fuel figures.

The Toyota Aygo: A great little city car.

These figures are helped by the fact that the 1.0-litre is billed as the world's lightest production engine. Effort is further removed by the fitment of electrically assisted power steering, making light work of turning the Aygo about-face.

The front and rear overhangs have been kept short so as to maximise interior space and make parking simple. The tale of the tape shows a 3.4 metre overall length, which is almost 23cm shorter than a modern Mini. The interior features a two-tone dashboard with a textured effect, while the door trims feature body coloured detailing.

Certainly, Toyota's Aygo Blue offers a decent package that should appeal to those looking to stand out from the crowd without being too garish. The option packs are a neat idea to limit the basic price but also provide customers with more money to spend the process of personalising their Aygo to their own tastes.

Poll shows BMW 3 Series is the used car most people search for – for the second year running

WITH the March plate change upon us, Exchange and Mart and valuations partner CAP, are urging used car buyers to consider the desirability and residual value of their next purchase.

For the second year in a row, the BMW 3 Series takes the crown as the most searched for used car on ExchangeandMart.co.uk, with perennial favourites the Volkswagen Golf and the Ford Focus coming in second and third. Four out of the 2010 top 10 vehicles are family cars, ranging from the affordable to the aspirational, and all offer a sound investment for those ready for a change.

Mark Bulmer from CAP, the used car pricing experts says, "It's no surprise that the BMW 3 Series is the most popular vehicle enquiry on ExchangeandMart.co.uk. This range of cars has dominated the affordable aspirational badge league for years and has evolved gradually, rather than being reinvented regularly, like other cars. It's a quality lead-in car to a quality brand.

"Similarly, the VW Golf has evolved gradually, but has also consistently represented a benchmark to which all similar models aspire. It is stylish, strong, reliable and essentially classless, earning it second place.

"In third place, we have the first entry from the family cars in the shape of the Ford Focus, which is a car that does absolutely everything right. Faultless value for money, strong image, great reliability and once you reach the 12- month-old mark, there is nothing to really beat it in terms of ownership costs."

The top five offers a cross-section of models, from the affordable family car, through to the aspirational, timeless and the mass market. However, it's family cars that really dominate the middle of the league. Starting with the Ford Focus in third, which is followed by the Ford Fiesta in fifth and the Audi A3 and Vauxhall Astra in sixth and seventh.

Bulmer adds: "The Ford Fiesta used to be the classic 'little runabout', but today's model is one of the most stylish and technologically sophisticated mass market cars on the road today. At the other end of the scale, the Audi A3 is the class-leading family sports car in a manageable Focus-size with legendary Audi fit and finish. This is a car that says you're doing well in life. Hitting the middle ground, the Vauxhall Astra is essentially timeless, having spanned four decades. This is a quality family car, representing great value, style and robustness."

Debra Healy, digital director for Exchange and Mart, says: "Our Top Ten is largely unchanged from 2009 to 2010, however the Ford Mondeo has slipped out of tenth and been replaced with the Peugeot 206, which sits in ninth. Many of the vehicles featured offer good value, whether it's a small family car or the bigger, prestige models."

Exchange and Mart's 2010 Top Ten Searched Cars:

1. BMW 3 Series.
2. Volkswagen Golf.
3. Ford Focus.
4. Audi A4.
5. Ford Fiesta.
6. Audi A3.
7. Vauxhall Astra.
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Mazda RX-8
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Mercedes-Benz E-300 Turbo
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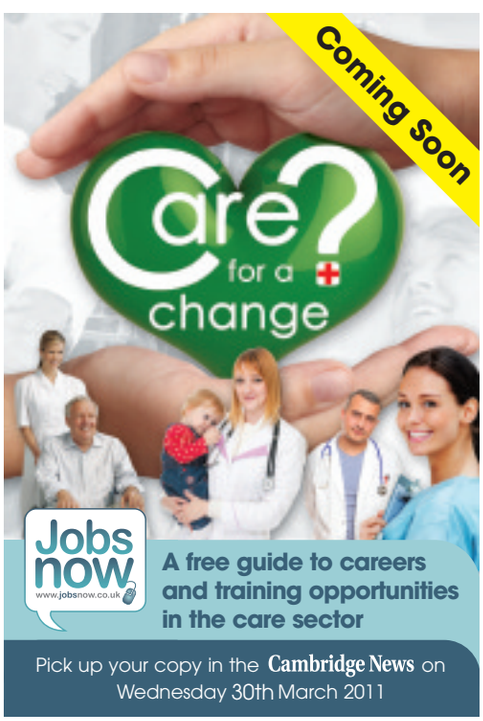

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» **Football** round-up

Port turn on the power to go on a 10-goal romp

Treble up as Josh is a main man . . .

Wicken Amateurs 8
Cottenham A 0
BIS LEAGUE, DIVISION 4B

WICKEN made it three wins on the bounce with a convincing display.
It took them 15 minutes to open the scoring with Matt Sore strike.
Wicken's man of the match Josh Woodroffe (2) and Sore made it 4-0 at the interval.
The second half saw much of the same as Woodroffe claimed his hat-trick and Michael Mackanza lobbed in a sixth.
Substitutes Billy Moorman and Nathan Sheriff (on his debut) completed the scoring.

Fulbourn Institute 1
Littleport Town 10
CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LGE, DIV 15D

PORT were in ruthless mood, taking any early lead through Ethan Povey.
Goals followed from Tommy Faulkner, Lindon Collen (2) and Titch Phillips before Fulbourn reduced the arrears to 5-1 before half time.
The second half saw Port struggle for fluidity on a sloping pitch, but they still added further goals through Joe Murfitt and Tom Green before Phillips struck twice to complete his hat-trick.
Port completed the scoring with Francis Reid hitting their 10th.

Witchford Colts 6 Lt Paxton 1
CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LGE, DIV 13B

PAXTON took the lead after 15 minutes, but Davie Thompson soon levelled for Witchford.
The same player netted his second and Harry Braybrooke put Witchford 3-1 up before the break.
Witchford put the game beyond doubt in the second half thanks to an own goal and strikes from Alfie Oakman and Matt Ashman.

Witchford Colts 1
Godmanchester Rovers 1
CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LGE, DIV 15B

WITCHFORD were made to pay for not taking their chances as they were held to a draw by Godmanchester.
After carving several chances and Josh Robinson hitting the post, Witchford took a first-half lead through Sam Green.
The second half was more even, with some tentative play in midfield by Witchford allowing Godmanchester to break and score an equaliser.

Winning ways: The triumphant Haddenham Rovers girls squad. CP

Haddenham through to final

Haddenham Rovers 2
Sawtry Girls 1 (aet)
S-TECH GIRLS' LGE CUP, SEMI-FINAL

HADDENHAM pulled off a tremendous display to beat top-of-the-table Sawtry in the league cup semi-final.
From the start, Haddenham came out all guns blazing. They knew they had to shut Sawtry down and did the job well.
Both sides created chances and it was Sawtry who opened the scoring.
Haddenham picked themselves up and it was not long before top scorer Xanthe Miller equalised.
Shortly before the end of normal time Miller had a great chance, and was unlucky not to score.
With extra time under way, Haddenham roared forward and dominated.
Their efforts were rewarded with an excellent second goal from Miller, and from then on they battled to shut down any Sawtry attacks.
Haddenham: K Markwell, J Merry, L Grinnell, O Orme, L Gale, C Stevens, S Baker, J Leggeter, G Minall, X Miller.

Burwell Swallows 0
Haddenham Rovers 6
BM KEMPTON 9V9 U12 LEAGUE, DIVISION A

ROVERS recorded a comfortable win after Josh Lowe put then ahead on six minutes.
Lowe added a second and Joe Bailey made it 3- 0 before half time.
The job was completed in the second half when Lowe rounded off his hat-trick and Charlie MacManus scored twice to put Rovers nine points clear at the top of the league.

Chesterton Eagles 4
Ely Crusaders 0
BM KEMPTON U12 9v9 LEAGUE PLATE

A DISAPPOINTING start to the match cost Ely dearly as they were knocked out of the Plate.
Crusaders went behind after two minutes and Chesterton claimed a second goal shortly afterwards.
Crusaders' keeper George Leech made a number of good saves to keep his team in with a chance.
Ely pressed hard for goals, but were out of luck as Eagles scored again against the run of play.
Despite Ely pushing to the end, a final Eagles goal killed off any chances of a comeback.

Witchford Colts 1
West Wratting 2
CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LGE, DIV 14B

WITCHFORD went behind early on and soon conceded a further goal.
As the match progressed, the home team looked more organised and were rewarded with a goal by Adam Reditt, but could not find a second.

Witchford Colts 5
Burwell Tigers 1
BM KEMPTON U12 9v9 LEAGUE PLATE

COLTS made the semi-finals of the plate with this comfortable victory.
They established a 2-0 first-half lead with a Ben Lymer brace, and the same player soon completed his hat-trick after the break.
He then made it four with a cross-shot into the far corner.
Joe Leyland then made it 5-0 and Burwell grabbed a consolation before Witchford missed a late penalty.

Soham Utd 1 Mepal Sports 3
CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, DIVISION 10A

SOHAM had an early shot well saved by Aaron Makinson before Mepal took the lead through Luke Merry, who then added a second.
Merry went on to complete his hat-trick before Soham scored in the dying minutes.

Ely Crusaders 5
Stretham Sporting 2
CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, DIVISION 9B

STRETHAM started strongly and only a combination of the woodwork, missed chances and excellent goalkeeping from Fred Butler kept them from scoring.
Adam Clark's 25-yard shot put Crusaders ahead, but Stretham struck back to lead 2-1.
Ely equalised through Ben Marshall and they went on to claim the win with strikes by Nathan Russell (2) and Jack Kobil.

Mepal Sports 8
Swavesey Spartans 1
UNDER-SEVENS' FRIENDLY

MEPAL went ahead within two minutes through Lewis Shipley, who swiftly added a second.
Shipley went on to complete a hat-trick and Ryan Sylvain also netted.
Mepal then went 5-0 ahead with another Shipley goal before Swavesey pulled one back. But Mepal sewed the game up with strikes by Arden Featherstone, Oscar Jarvis and Edward Sporle.

» **Judo**

National title win for King's pupil Sam

SAM Tonge, representing the King's School, Ely, won the Public Schools' National Judo Championship Intermediate (under-16) under-66kg title at High Wycombe Judo Centre.

Tonge, who is just 15, was the only representative from King's, whereas some schools which offer judo as a mainstream sport had entered large teams across all the age and weight categories.

The King's player came through the early rounds relatively easily before coming up against a tough opponent from Harrow School in the semi-finals.

Tonge managed to throw his opponent but in the process hurt his knee. The final, against a competitor from Merchant Taylors School, was even more difficult and required extra time, which is sudden death.

Despite being hampered by his injured knee, Tonge managed to throw his opponent and score a waza-ari to win the contest.

Other coaches commented on how well Tonge, a former National Prep Schools' champion, had fought.

Judo is an increasingly popular after-school sport among pupils at King's, and Tonge attends weekly coaching sessions run by Tony Eadson.

Winner: Sam Tonge, of the King's School, Ely, who won a national judo title. CP

» Table tennis

Mirek's efforts prove all in vain

COMRADES I lost ground on Soham in second place in Division One of the Ely & District League after their 7-3 defeat by Fulbourn I.

The Comrades' points came from Mirek Pazdzior, who won his customary three singles, though Alan Chambers took Caroline Wright to five sets.

Bob Pettit scored a maximum and Howard Morley scored one for Impington I, but they suffered a 4-6 loss through only taking two players to Elsworth I.

Impington II visited Ely I before Christmas and held them to a 5-5 draw, so were really looking forward to the return leg.

Unfortunately, so were Ely, and Robert Pownall, Andrew Maguire and Howard Middleton swept the board for a 10-0 victory.

Fulbourn II beat Gazeley I 7-3 through three wins from Steve Trevanion, two from Marc Meunier plus one from Jim Reary and then the doubles.

Two wins for Kin Choi Chan and one for Rob Wallis accounted for the Gazeley points, although Wallis came closest to adding to this, going down 12-10 in the fifth to Meunier.

These results leave Haddenham I comfortably at the top of the division with games in hand and Soham in second place, seven points ahead of Comrades I.

Two drawn matches were reported in Division Two – Fulbourn IV v Gazeley II and Comrades II v Fulbourn III.

Three wins for Phil Halliwell for Gazeley was supported by two from Tibor Schmidt, including an 11-9 victory in the fifth against Duncan Gates of Fulbourn IV.

Rob Powell scored two wins for Fulbourn and joined with Gates to take the doubles.

In the other match, three wins by Colin Gannon guided Comrades into a 5-2 lead.

Then Fulbourn's recently out-of-sorts Tom Hands beat Martyn Hagon 11-9 in the fifth, Harris Ryder won a close one against Barry Sore before the Ryders, Hamish and Harris, took the doubles to claim the draw.

Fulbourn VI's 9-1 demolition of Comrades V took them well clear of Elsworth II at the top of Division III. Andy Manning scored Comrades' only point, beating Matthew Gunton in three straight sets. Max Schweining and Michael Boniface scored maximums for Fulbourn.

Comrades IV beat Fulbourn V 6-4 as Chris Rule led the way with three wins, supported by two from Lito Jumilla.

They then combined to take the doubles and the match.

Fulbourn's reply was led by two wins from Tim Leek, including 14-12 in the fifth against Jumilla. Howard and David Leek scored one each.

In the second round of the Handicap Plate, Impington II hosted Countess and managed to progress by virtue of a 5-3 win.

The Imps swept into a 3-0 lead, but a good win for Steve Jugg against Colin Adams and two wins from Robin Gammon against Mike Johnston and Adams brought Countess back into the reckoning.

However, in between, John Bray had beaten Gammon, and it was Johnson who sealed the tie with a win over Brian Mitchell.

» Rugby Union

Tigers pipped by the odd point

Ely 11 Crusaders 12

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE

ELY suffered second-half disappointment as they narrowly lost at home to Crusaders.

A try from scrum-half Jack Brownlee and two penalties from Jamie Russell (right) saw Ely lead 11-0 at half time.

But in the last 15 minutes of the match, Crusaders touched down their first try and, five minutes later, got their second, converting one to win 12-11.

Ely skipper Karl Hayler said: "From our perspective, the first half was very good. "We played as well as we have been playing, defensively we were very good and shut them down everywhere. We actually went 11 points up and during the second half we had a bit of a switch-off and they upped their game."

» Netball

Quarrier and Shipley turn on the goal power for Ely

ELY II made it three county league wins in a row in a close-fought match with their Milton counterparts.

The result enabled Ely to overtake their opponents in the table.

Ely edged into a narrow lead in the first quarter, but Milton made it level pegging at the half-time break.

Shooters Janice Quarrier and Sally Shipley were under immense pressure in the circle, but held their nerve to put Ely into a six-goal advantage going into the last quarter.

Sue Everett was once again outstanding in the centre of the court, deservedly earning the player-of-the-match accolade as she broke up the Milton attack time and time again with some exceptional interceptions. Although Milton put up a brave fight in the last quarter, Ely were able to hold their 30-26 lead to the final whistle.

Ely team: J Quarrier, S Shipley, D Knott, S Everett, S Tune, V Cutforth, A Crombie.

» Dominoes

LITTLEPORT & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Results: Ex-Servicemen's C 6 West End 12, Crown 7 Ex Servicemen's D 11 Hiams 13 Beet Club 5, West End B (Standard) 5 Soham Comrades 13.

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» Rowing

Sibson leads the way on a good day for Isle

THE third and final leg of the Cambridge Winter League Head race at the weekend produced an impressive crop of winners for the Isle of Ely Rowing Club.

The times for the January and February legs of the race are added to the results from the third leg to generate winners for each of the race categories.

For the juniors, Laura Sibson won the WJ15 single sculling category, while club-mates Phoebe Bradbury and Libby Milne clinched victory in the WJ double sculls, beating their nearest rivals from St Ives by more than 30 seconds, despite being a whole year younger.

In the men's squad, the club's scullers from the GB Start Programme, sponsored by Siemens, won five more categories including the fastest single scull and fastest double scull.

Ben Hicks, who was the fastest single sculler overall, completed all three legs of the race in a time of 34min 48sec.

The fastest double overall was a composite Isle of Ely/Rob Roy crew, which won the elite event in a time of 31min 47sec.

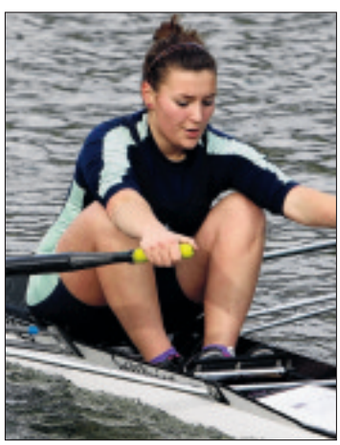
King and Jackson, of Isle of Ely, won the novice double sculling event, Owen won the Intermediate 1 single sculling event and Clift won the novice single sculling category.

In the women's squad, Allen won the Intermediate 3 single sculls event.

Other Isle of Ely competitors worked hard to improve on their times from the January and February legs of the event, which is raced over 2,600m on the River Cam.

Anna Towriss in WJ18 single sculls put in a superb effort to maintain her time, even beating the club's WJ16 coxed quad on this occasion.

The J15 double scull of Ryan and Bridgeman beat a mixed novice eight from St Neots by a considerable margin, while the club's own mixed and men's eights put in a stoic effort to complete the course in a combined time of 40min 8sec and 36min 21sec respectively.



Winning effort: Isle of Ely's Laura Sibson. CP

"Man of the day" was club vice-captain, Trevor Littlewood, who competed in all four race divisions on Sunday.

As well as his scheduled rows in the Masters F coxless pair with Rodney Atkinson and the Masters F coxed four, he also substituted for an absent crew member in the Masters C coxed four and the men's eight, meaning he raced four times without a break.

Going home to a well deserved rest after the racing, Littlewood was still cheerful and upbeat about the day's racing.

"It's been a very good day for the club and we've enjoyed the racing – but I'm looking forward to a good sleep now!" he said.

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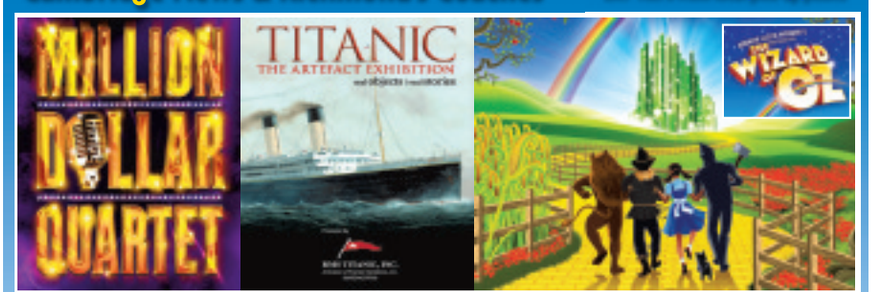

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Greens were worth more – Benjamin

Soham Tn Rgrs 1
Ashford Tn 1
ZAMARETTO LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

IAN Benjamin believes his side should have come away with all three points after dominating Saturday's match at Julius Martin Lane.

The hosts certainly had their chances to score a hatful of goals, but their failure to make the most of their chances meant they had only Rob Foster's second-half equaliser to show for their efforts.

Rangers made a bright start to the match, with Deakan Napier and Declan Rogers spurning gilt-edged chances to open the scoring.

But as has been the case too often this season, the visitors broke the deadlock with their first meaningful attack of the half five minutes before the break.

A short corner routine caught the defence napping and Rangers went in at half time a goal down.

But they came out for the second half with even more determination and Napier and Michael Simpson almost brought them level.

But the equaliser finally arrived with 15 minutes remaining when Foster ran down the left wing and finished well from a tight angle.

The hosts dominated the closing stages and their penalty appeals were denied after Simpson was bundled over in the area.

The visitors held on for a point, but Rangers will take encouragement from a strong all-round display.

Benjamin said: "Before the game I would have taken a draw because Ashford have some good attacking players, but actually I'm a bit disappointed we didn't win it.

"In the first half we did ever so well and made it difficult for them but didn't make their keeper work enough.

"In the second half we were even better, and their keeper kept them in it. It was one of our best performances.

"The important thing now is for the lads to repeat that sort of performance between now and the end of the season."

■ Saturday's draw came off the back of a 3-0 home defeat by Biggleswade Town on Tuesday last week.

■ Soham have waved goodbye to promising utility player Will Seymore.

The youngster, who has played in virtually every position apart from goalkeeper for the Greens this season, is off to to study in America.

"I'll really miss Will as he's a fantastic lad," said Benjamin. "I spotted him playing for our under-17s when he was 15, and he's been with me three or four seasons now.

"He's shown really good potential this season and we'll miss him.

"He's played right-back, left-back, midfield, out wide and up front, and he's not just filled in, he's done a good job."

The boss has received the good news that attacker Richard Gammon is back in training following a long-term Achilles problem.

Charles Libam has returned from a loan spell at Newmarket and will only train for the rest of the season because to an ongoing knee problem.

"Charlie's decided to work on getting himself fit and then he'll come back in pre-season," said Benjamin.

■ The Greens have a busy week of league action coming up, starting with a trip to Aylesbury on Saturday (3pm).

On Tuesday, they entertain Beaconsfield (7.45pm).

Fond farewell: Young utility player Will Seymore, who has left Soham to continue his education in America.

» **Speedway**

Tigers are up for Lynn challenges, says Jolly

KEVIN Jolly has described Mildenhall's early season clashes with rivals King's Lynn as an ideal way to start the new campaign, which begins in just over a month.

The Fen Tigers travel to the Norfolk Arena for their first away fixture on April 20, with the return at West Row on May 15.

Jolly rode for both clubs during his career, and fellow co-promoter Michael Lee was part of the King's Lynn team when he won his world title in 1980.

"It's the ideal way to start," said Jolly. "Hopefully, things will kick on nicely from there.

"The Knockout Cup has worked out very well, too, by facing Hackney in June, and it's a shame for them they will go out so early."

Jolly added that "tentative negotiations" continued for their final top-five rider, but it was also possible the rider could come from the club's training schools.

He said: "There are so many riders out there looking for work and on the right average. We have the basis of the team, and, hopefully, we can fill the final two positions with young riders.

"It's not just how they race but how good their equipment is, their attitude, it all has to be professional."

Talks continue with Robert Henry about the vacant team manager position. The rider, who spent his entire career at Mildenhall and captained the club to league glory in 1979, remains their No 1 target.

"Robert wants the job, and we want him, it's just a matter of trying to sort out something with his work commitments," said Jolly. "He is a legend at the club and the reception he gets from the supporters is tremendous. We'd love him to have the job."

The riders had their first skid of the year at a practice session at Ipswich last Friday.

Skipper James Brundle was happy with his first time on a bike for five months, and Joe Jacobs recovered from a crash to post some fast times.

Full list of fixtures available at www.mildenhallfentigers.com

Alsop delighted after his injury-hit squad gains draw

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ALAN Alsop was delighted to come away with a point as injuries had left him with a squad of just 13 players to face a well-placed Norwich United side at the Unwin Ground on Saturday.

His inexperienced side fought hard for the entire 90 minutes and even created good chances of their own.

Josh Bridgeman, Sam Goodge and Richard Chadwick (pictured) all had good chances, with Luke Fretwell, making his first appearance at this level of football, impressing in midfield.

"I was really pleased with the performance, the players were fantastic," said Alsop.

"It proved we can do well against good sides and that we can beat anyone in this league on our day."

■ The Robins are due to be back in league action on Saturday with a trip to Suffolk to take on Walsham le Willows, kick-off 3pm.

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